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**SACA PREMIER CRICKET  
BY-LAWS**

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### PREFACE AND BACKGROUND

1. These By-Laws will be known as the SACA Premier Cricket By-Laws.
2. These By-Laws are made and amended by the Premier Cricket Committee in accordance with clause 14.7 of the SACA Constitution and in exercise of the Premier Cricket Committee's delegated powers under clause 13.3 of the SACA Constitution.
3. These By-Laws may be amended from time to time by approval of the Premier Cricket Committee at a Premier Cricket Committee meeting or by circular resolution.
4. The objects and purposes of these By-Laws include facilitating the supervision, management and control, and providing for the administration, regulation and governance, of the Premier Cricket Competition and all Matches.
5. These By-Laws will apply to, and be binding on, all Clubs, Club Officials, Coaches, Players, Officials, the Premier Cricket Committee (and any member or delegate) and any other person(s) or bodies specified in these By-Laws or who have otherwise agreed to be bound by these By-Laws, as and where applicable.
6. The Premier Cricket Competition clubs for the purposes of these By-Laws will be those specified in clause 6 of the SACA Constitution (unless otherwise determined by resolution of the SACA Board and the Premier Cricket Committee pursuant to clause 6.2 of the SACA Constitution), being:
  - 6.1. Adelaide Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.2. Adelaide University Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.3. East Torrens District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.4. Glenelg District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.5. Kensington District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.6. Northern Districts Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.7. Port Adelaide Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.8. Prospect District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.9. Southern District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.10. Sturt District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.11. Tea Tree Gully District Cricket Club Inc.;
  - 6.12. West Torrens District Cricket Club Inc.; and
  - 6.13. Woodville District Cricket Club Inc.,(the **Clubs** and each a **Club**).

## INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

7. Unless otherwise specified or the context dictates or requires, the definitions in the SACA Constitution will be adopted and apply for the purposes of these By-Laws and their interpretation.
8. A reference to the following SACA personnel (whether holding that specific title or otherwise, provided they are in the same or a substantially similar role) will include a reference to their authorised delegate(s) (if/where applicable, where an appropriate authorised delegation is in place):
  - 8.1. Chief Executive Officer;
  - 8.2. General Manager – Cricket;
  - 8.3. Manager – Premier Cricket; and
  - 8.4. Premier Cricket Coordinator.
9. The following definitions apply for the purposes of these By-Laws:
  - 9.1. **AGM** means the Annual General Meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee to be held in September of each year.
  - 9.2. **Business Day** means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Adelaide, South Australia.
  - 9.3. **By-Laws Committee** means the Sub-Committee specified in By-Law 68 to 70.
  - 9.4. **Behaviour Unbecoming** has the meaning given in By-Law 106.
  - 9.5. **Clubs** has the meaning given in By-Law 6 (adopting the definition in clause 6 of the SACA Constitution) and **Club** means the singular, as relevant or applicable.
  - 9.6. **Club Official** means any person representing a Club in any official capacity or recognised by a Club as holding or occupying any official position within that Club, including, without limitation, any scorer, team manager, committee or board member or person holding any office, position or role otherwise recognised by the constitution or rules of that Club, excluding a Coach (which is separately defined).
  - 9.7. **Coach** means a person appointed by a Club to undertake coaching duties at that Club, including (but not limited to) a role as Head/Club coach, assistant coach, batting coach, bowling coach, fielding coach (or similar), whether for men's, women's or junior teams or programs.
  - 9.8. **Code of Conduct** means the code of behavioural standards appearing in Annexure A (or as otherwise amended or substituted and in force from time to time).
  - 9.9. **Commissioner** means any Commissioner appointed under these By-Laws from time to time.
  - 9.10. **Community Association** means any association with which a Community Club is affiliated and/or which participates in a competition that is not part of the Premier Cricket Competition and is not involved in any Representative Match(es).
  - 9.11. **Community Club** means any club participating in a competition that is not part of the Premier Cricket Competition and is not involved in any Representative Match(es).

- 9.12. **Concussion Substitute** is a player substitution permitted under, and compliant with, the Playing Conditions, substituted after the commencement of play on the relevant day of a Match.
- 9.13. **Cricket Australia** (or **CA**) means Cricket Australia ABN 53 006 089 130.
- 9.14. **Cricket Australia Website** means the website available at <https://www.cricket.com.au/>.
- 9.15. **Crude** means language or conduct reasonably regarded or interpreted as indecent or offensive for the purpose of prohibited behaviour or language under the Code of Conduct.
- 9.16. **Disciplinary Enquiry Panel** (or **DEP**) means the panel established under By-Laws 73 to 75.
- 9.17. **Exam** means any examination undertaken (or to be undertaken) by a Player which is conducted under the auspices of a recognised educational or vocational institution or authority.
- 9.18. **Finals Match** means a Match designated as a final under these By-Laws and played during the Major Round in any competition within the Premier Cricket Competition.
- 9.19. **Final Series** means the series of Final Matches during the Major Round in any competition within the Premier Cricket Competition.
- 9.20. **First Grade** (or **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**) refers to both Division 1 and Division 2 of the West End Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade competition in the Premier Cricket Competition.
- 9.21. **Forfeit** means where a Club team is unable, unwilling, not permitted or otherwise refuses or does not play or continue playing in a Match (and **Forfeiting** or **Forfeited** will have a corresponding meaning).
- 9.22. **Frogbox** means the authorised Premier Cricket Competition live cricket broadcast streaming service (or such other streaming service as may be substituted by SACA from time to time).
- 9.23. **Grounds Tribunal** means the body specified in By-Laws 77 and 78.
- 9.24. **Hearing Commissioner** means any Commissioner rostered to conduct a hearing under these By-Laws.
- 9.25. **Heat Policy** means the policy specified, approved and amended by SACA from time to time, available on the Premier Cricket Website.
- 9.26. **Home Club** or **Home Team** means the Club or team at whose venue or ground a Match is played responsible for hosting the relevant Match.
- 9.27. **ICC** means the International Cricket Council.
- 9.28. **Laws of Cricket** means the rules and regulations known as the Laws of Cricket, as amended and in force from time to time.
- 9.29. **Lightning Policy** means the policy specified, approved and amended by SACA from time to time, available on the Premier Cricket Website.
- 9.30. **Major Round** means the Finals Series in any competition in the Premier Cricket Competition and includes any and all Finals Match(es).

- 9.31. **Match** means any cricket match scheduled or played between Clubs under these By-Laws as part, or for the purposes, of any competition within the Premier Cricket Competition but excludes Representative Matches.
- 9.32. **Minor Round** means any Match during the regular season of any competition within the Premier Cricket Competition to determine qualification for the Major Round.
- 9.33. **Misconduct** has the meaning given in By-Law 105.
- 9.34. **NRR** (or net run rate) means team run rate, less opponent run rate, calculated based on the average runs per over that a team scores across the whole of the relevant competition minus the average runs per over that is scored against that team across the whole of the relevant competition.
- 9.35. **Official** means any Premier Cricket Competition Umpire (including any Umpire coach or Umpire observer), SACA personnel or technical or other Match official participating in, attending or present at a Match in that capacity.
- 9.36. **OfficialsHQ** means the designated section within PlayHQ for use by Umpires or other relevant Officials (or any substituted system or platform or method approved by SACA for use for the purposes of the Premier Cricket Competition from time to time).
- 9.37. **Permit** means an approval to play granted, issued or approved under these By-Laws.
- 9.38. **Permit Committee** means the Sub-Committee specified in By-Laws 61 and 62.
- 9.39. **Player** means any playing member of a Club who is registered, or required to be registered, pursuant to these By-Laws for participation in any competition in the Premier Cricket Competition and any Match.
- 9.40. **PlayHQ** means the cloud-based sports administration and management platform available at playhq.com.au (or any substituted system or platform or method approved by SACA for use for the purposes of the Premier Cricket Competition from time to time).
- 9.41. **Playing Conditions** means the approved Premier Cricket Competition rules and requirements for Matches made under, and which supplement, these By-Laws, published and available on the Premier Cricket Website, as amended and in force from time to time.
- 9.42. **Premier Cricket Competition** means and includes any competition or competitions conducted under these By-Laws by or under the auspices of SACA from time to time.
- 9.43. **Premier Cricket Committee** means the committee constituted pursuant to clause 14 of the SACA Constitution, comprising delegates appointed in accordance with clause 14 of the SACA Constitution.
- 9.44. **Premier Cricket Website** means the website located at <https://www.sacapremiercricket.com.au/>.
- 9.45. **Premier Cricket Zone Allocation** means the Club zoning determined by SACA from time to time, available on the Premier Cricket Website.
- 9.46. **Program** means the schedule or fixture for Matches to be played in any competition within the Premier Cricket Competition (including for the Major Round), as determined and set by the Program Committee under these By-Laws.

- 9.47. **Program Committee** means the Sub-Committee specified in By-Laws 71 and 72.
- 9.48. **Qualifying Injury** means an injury (as distinct from an illness):
- (a) suffered or incurred by a Player during:
    - (i) a Representative Match (during and on the field of play); or
    - (ii) a training or practice session or a practice or trial match organised by a body responsible for the team or squad playing in a Representative Match for the purpose of selection or improving the Player's performance in a Representative Match(which must be confirmed by the Player, the relevant Representative Match team or squad manager and the Manager – Premier Cricket); and
  - (b) confirmed by a member of either the SACA or CA panel of doctors and/or physiotherapists as preventing the Player from:
    - (i) continuing in a Match in which they were already playing; or
    - (ii) playing in the second day of a Match where they had otherwise been named to play that day,requiring the Player's withdrawal (where such confirmation must be based on a physical examination by the relevant practitioner, except in the event of a serious, debilitating injury, in which case confirmation from another qualified medical practitioner may be accepted).
- 9.49. **Replacement Player** means a Player selected by a Club to replace another Player in a Club team prior to play commencing on any day of a Match but excludes any Concussion Substitute permitted under the Playing Conditions and who meets the relevant requirements or conditions set out in Part 12 of these By-Laws.
- 9.50. **Representative Match** means any cricket match scheduled or played under the auspices of the ICC and/or Cricket Australia, including first class, interstate or international matches forming part of the "International Series" or "Domestic Series" and includes associated practice or trial matches.
- 9.51. **SACA** means South Australian Cricket Association Limited (ACN 623 135 393).
- 9.52. **SACA Board** has the meaning given in the SACA Constitution.
- 9.53. **SACA Constitution** means the Constitution of SACA, as amended and in force from time to time.
- 9.54. **SACA Cricket Department** (or **Cricket Department**) means the department within SACA known as the "Cricket Department", comprising SACA personnel.
- 9.55. **SACA Website** means the website located at <https://www.saca.com.au/>.
- 9.56. **SACUSA** means the South Australian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association Inc.
- 9.57. **SAMCA** means South Australian Metropolitan Cricket Association.
- 9.58. **Season Permit** means a Permit (approval) for a Player to be registered simultaneously with a Club and a Community Club, as provided for in these By-Laws.

- 9.59. **Sub-Committee** means any sub-committee formed and appointed by the Premier Cricket Committee under these By-Laws from time to time (including pursuant to its powers in By-Law 15.11).
- 9.60. **Team Sheet** means a list of Players nominated by a Club to play in any Match.
- 9.61. **Transfer** means an approval for a Player to transfer any outstanding financial or other obligations or commitments owed to, and cease their registration with, their current Club (or Community Club or other club, as relevant and applicable) for the purposes of the Player transitioning to and registering with a Club under these By-Laws.
- 9.62. **Umpire** means a person appointed in accordance with these By-Laws to officiate in a Match, who is responsible for applying and enforcing compliance with relevant rules and standards applicable to the Match (including, without limitation, the Laws of Cricket, these By-Laws and the Playing Conditions).

## PART 2 - ADMINISTRATION

### CLUBS – ADMISSION, EXCLUSION, MERGERS AND BOUNDARIES

10. In accordance with clause 6 of the SACA Constitution:
- A Club may be admitted to or excluded from SACA upon special resolutions passed by each of the Premier Cricket Committee and the Board.*
- On the recommendation of the Premier Cricket Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Management, any two or more of the Clubs may merge with such financial or other incentives and on such other terms and conditions as shall be determined from time to time by the Board.*
11. The Premier Cricket Committee will refer any recommendation to admit or exclude a Club, or regarding the merger of two (2) or more Clubs, to the SACA Board for consultation. The process(es) under the SACA Constitution or determined by the SACA Board will subsequently apply in respect of any further action to be taken with respect to any such Club(s).
12. The boundaries of each Club (metropolitan and country) are the territories within the bounds defined by the Premier Cricket Zone Allocation from time to time.
13. The boundaries of each Club will periodically be reviewed by SACA. Any recommendation to maintain or alter Club boundaries will be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee for consultation, prior to any recommendation being submitted to the SACA Board for determination.

## PREMIER CRICKET COMMITTEE

### Powers

14. The Premier Cricket Committee may exercise all of the powers and functions vested in it pursuant to clause 14.5 of the SACA Constitution.
15. Subject to the SACA Constitution and these By-Laws, and without limiting its powers, the Premier Cricket Committee will have the power to:
  - 15.1. make and approve amendments to By-Laws for the Premier Cricket Competition;
  - 15.2. make and amend Playing Conditions for Matches;
  - 15.3. interpret these By-Laws and any Playing Conditions;
  - 15.4. supervise, manage and control the Premier Cricket Competition and all Matches (including all matters associated and ancillary to such functions);
  - 15.5. prescribe and enforce standards of expected and required behaviour for Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials during and for the purposes of the Premier Cricket Competition and all Matches;
  - 15.6. make and amend any rules, policies and codes for the Premier Cricket Competition and Matches and require and enforce compliance with them, together with any relevant applicable policies or codes of SACA and/or Cricket Australia;
  - 15.7. take such action(s) as it deems appropriate in the event of any non-compliance with or breach of these By-Laws, in accordance with these By-Laws;
  - 15.8. inquire into, adjudicate upon and determine any and all questions, complaints, reports and/or disputes arising out of the Premier Cricket Competition and any Match(es) or otherwise under these By-Laws, unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws;
  - 15.9. appoint Commissioners and form tribunals under these By-Laws, make delegations to them and prescribe applicable powers, processes and procedures;
  - 15.10. receive, consider and determine complaints or grievances arising from the Premier Cricket Competition, Matches or otherwise under these By-Laws, in accordance with these By-Laws;
  - 15.11. form and appoint any Sub-Committees (and co-opt members) and make delegations to such Sub-Committees;
  - 15.12. prescribe the format and content of forms or other documents, systems, platforms, methods, processes or procedures to be adopted or required under these By-Laws (including, without limitation, Team Sheets, Match scoring returns and captains' or managers' reports on Umpires);
  - 15.13. require the provision of information or responses to information or other requests and specify response timeframes;
  - 15.14. prescribe, impose and enforce penalties under these By-Laws; and
  - 15.15. make any other determinations, recommendations and/or decisions or take such action(s) under these By-Laws as it fees fit.

16. If and to the extent a matter is not otherwise expressly addressed or provided for in these By-Laws, the Premier Cricket Committee may take any action and make any determination it sees fit at its discretion. Its decision will be final and binding, unless otherwise specified.
17. Further to By-Law 15, in the event that any Club refuses, neglects or otherwise fails to abide by a decision or determination of the Premier Cricket Committee, or any applicable obligation or requirement under these By-Laws, the Premier Cricket Committee will have the power to (without limitation):
  - 17.1. exclude the Club from competing in the Premier Cricket Competition for such time as the Premier Cricket Committee may determine;
  - 17.2. require that the Club pays, within a specified period, such sum by way of fine as the Premier Cricket Committee may determine; and
  - 17.3. prohibit the Club from competing in the Premier Cricket Competition for a period or on terms specified by the Premier Cricket Committee in the event of default of payment of any fine imposed under these By-Laws.

### **Constitution and Composition**

18. The Premier Cricket Committee will be constituted in accordance with clause 14 of the SACA Constitution.
19. In accordance with clause 14 of the SACA Constitution, the Premier Cricket Committee will comprise:
  - 19.1. one delegate from each Club, to be appointed annually by each Club;
  - 19.2. one delegate appointed annually by the SACA Board; and
  - 19.3. one delegate appointed annually by SACUSA,nominated in writing by the relevant appointing body to the SACA Chief Executive Officer, with the term of each delegate's appointment to expire at the end of the SACA Membership Year in which their appointment took effect, or any alternate nominated in accordance with clause 14.2 of the SACA Constitution.

### **Chairperson**

20. The Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee will be appointed and hold office for a two (2) year term.
21. The Chairperson will be elected at the AGM occurring at the conclusion of the Chairperson's two (2) year term.
22. If an extraordinary vacancy in the position of Chairperson arises or occurs at the AGM, the position will be filled by election at that AGM.
23. If an extraordinary vacancy in the position of Chairperson arises or occurs at any other time, an election to fill the position will be held at the next meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee. The person elected will hold office until the next AGM. At the next AGM, an election for the position of Chairperson for a two (2) year term will be held in accordance with these By-Laws.

## **Deputy Chairperson**

24. The Deputy Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee will be appointed and hold office for a one (1) year term.
25. A Deputy Chairperson will be elected at each AGM.
26. The Deputy Chairperson will act as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
27. If an extraordinary vacancy in the position of Deputy Chairperson arises or occurs at any time, an election to fill the position for the balance of the one (1) year term will be held at the next meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee. The person elected will hold office until the next AGM. At the next AGM, an election for the position of Deputy Chairperson for a one (1) year term will be held in accordance with these By-Laws.

## **Meetings**

28. The Premier Cricket Committee will meet monthly or as the Premier Cricket Committee may otherwise determine.
29. At least fourteen (14) days' prior notice of any regular Premier Cricket Committee meeting must be given to all members of the Premier Cricket Committee.
30. The Chairperson will have the right to call an extraordinary meeting:
  - 30.1. at any time they consider it required; and/or
  - 30.2. at the written request of at least three (3) delegates.
31. At least twenty-four (24) hours' prior notice of any extraordinary meeting must be given to all members of the Premier Cricket Committee, except in the case of a meeting called for the purpose of considering an alteration or addition to the By-Laws, the Heat Policy or the Lightning Policy, in which case at least three (3) clear days' notice must be given to all members of the Premier Cricket Committee.
32. Notice of a meeting will be given in writing (including electronically).

## **Quorum for Meetings**

33. The quorum required for all meetings of the Premier Cricket Committee will be nine (9) delegates.

## **Voting – Meetings and AGM**

34. Resolutions, determinations, decisions or approvals at a Premier Cricket Committee meeting and/or the AGM will be passed and carried by a majority of votes cast by those Premier Cricket Committee members or delegates (or alternates) entitled to vote, including for appointments occurring by election.
35. The Chairperson (or acting Chairperson) will have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

36. Any Premier Cricket Committee member or delegate holding any conflict of interest (or perceived conflict of interest) must recuse themselves from voting on any matter in respect of which such conflict or perceived conflict arises.

### **Extraordinary Powers (Exercisable Outside of Meetings)**

37. In extraordinary or emergency situations where, in the opinion of the Premier Cricket Committee Chairperson, it is impossible or unreasonable to call a meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee within the time required for a decision or determination to be made on a matter, the Chairperson, the General Manager - Cricket and the Manager – Premier Cricket may deal with and determine that matter.
38. In the event that any of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, General Manager – Cricket and/or Manager - Premier Cricket has a conflict of interest in deciding or determining a matter, the Chairperson may appoint another member (or members) of the Premier Cricket Committee without any conflict of interest to deal with that matter.
39. These extraordinary powers do not include any power to amend or contravene these By-Laws.
40. If/where an interpretation of any By-Law is required for a decision or determination in the exercise of these extraordinary powers, the By-Laws Committee must first consider and report on that interpretation issue pursuant to its powers under By-Law 68.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

41. The Premier Cricket Committee will hold an annual AGM in September of each year.
42. The Premier Cricket Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will be elected (if/as relevant and necessary) and appointed for their relevant term at the relevant AGM.
43. Appointments for available positions on any Sub-Committee(s) will be made at the AGM.
44. At least fourteen (14) days' prior notice of an AGM must be given to all members of the Premier Cricket Committee.
45. Notice of an AGM will be given in writing (including electronically).

### **Meeting and AGM Representation**

46. Each member Club and body of the Premier Cricket Committee is required to be represented by a delegate or alternate delegate at each monthly meeting of the Premier Cricket Committee and at the annual AGM.
47. If a member Club or body of the Premier Cricket Committee is not represented at three (3) meetings during a twelve (12) month period commencing at an AGM, the Premier Cricket Committee will determine the appropriate action to be taken, which may include a fine, suspension from the Premier Cricket Committee or suspension from the Premier Cricket Competition.
48. If a Premier Committee delegate misses three (3) meetings during a twelve (12) month period commencing at an AGM without approval from the Premier Cricket Committee that delegate will automatically lose SACA Membership privileges for the remainder of that twelve (12) month period, unless otherwise waived by the Premier Cricket Committee on the ground that the absence was due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

## **Sub-Committees**

49. The Premier Cricket Committee may form and appoint Sub-Committees.
50. The Premier Cricket Committee Sub-Committees will comprise the Permit Committee, the Program Committee and the By-Laws Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Premier Cricket Committee.
51. Members of Sub-Committees may be:
  - 51.1. Premier Cricket Committee delegates; and
  - 51.2. Premier Cricket Committee alternate delegates.
52. The Premier Cricket Committee may also co-opt any other person to a Sub-Committee and, unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws or prohibited by the Premier Cricket Committee, any Sub-Committee may also co-opt other persons to assist the Sub-Committee.
53. The Manager – Premier Cricket will attend Sub-Committee meetings (as an observer) at their discretion.
54. The Premier Cricket Committee will select and appoint the Chairperson for each Sub-Committee, who will, unless otherwise determined by the Premier Cricket Committee, be a Premier Cricket Committee delegate or proxy delegate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Grounds Tribunal is not a Sub-Committee and its Chairperson is not required to be a Premier Cricket Committee delegate. The DEP is also not a Sub-Committee.
55. Unless otherwise stated, the quorum at any Sub-Committee meeting will be one half (50%) of the number of voting members of the Sub-Committee plus one (1), rounded down.
56. Resolutions, determinations, decisions or approvals at Sub-Committee meetings will be passed and carried by a majority of votes cast by those Sub-Committee members entitled to vote.
57. The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee will have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
58. Co-opted Sub-Committee members will not have voting rights and will not be counted in determining the quorum for any Sub-Committee meeting.

## **UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS**

59. SACA will appoint SACA personnel responsible for umpiring appointments for all Matches for the Premier Cricket Competition.
60. The Premier Cricket Committee may make recommendations or implement policies regarding umpiring appointments from time to time.

## **PERMIT COMMITTEE**

61. A Permit Committee must be formed and appointed to decide or determine:
- 61.1. the residential and other qualifications of Players;
  - 61.2. matters relating to Player registrations;
  - 61.3. Transfers;
  - 61.4. Permits (including, without limitation, Match Permits approving any movement of Players between grades under these By-Laws and for Replacement Players and Season Permits); and
  - 61.5. challenges or disputes in relation to the above matters
- and will have powers in relation to such matters including, without limitation, those specified in By-Law 233 and By-Law 281.
62. The Permit Committee will comprise a Chairperson and not less than two (2) further members, each elected by the Premier Cricket Committee.
63. No current Player or Coach may be elected to the Permit Committee.
64. No member (including the Chairperson) of the Permit Committee may be the Chairperson or a member of the By-Laws Committee.
65. The Permit Committee will report to the Premier Cricket Committee the outcomes of matters and applications before it:
- 65.1. where referred by the Premier Cricket Committee; or
  - 65.2. at the request of the Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee,
- excluding decisions under or pertaining to Permits for Replacement Players under Part 12 and Permits for the Major Round under Part 14 of these By-Laws (where those matters may be subject to review by the Premier Cricket Committee).
66. Permit Committee decisions, determinations and approvals may be reviewed by or appealed to the Premier Cricket Committee, except as otherwise specified in these By-Laws.
67. The decision of the Premier Cricket Committee in respect of any appeal relating to a decision, determination or approval of the Permit Committee will be final and binding.

## **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

68. A By-Laws Committee must be formed and appointed to:
- 68.1. review and recommend changes to these By-Laws (as it determines appropriate);
  - 68.2. consider all matters involving interpretation of these By-Laws (upon referral to it); and
  - 68.3. determine and report on any interpretation matters referred to it.
69. The By-Laws Committee will comprise a Chairperson and not less than two (2) further members, each elected by the Premier Cricket Committee.

70. No member (including the Chairperson) of the By-Laws Committee may be the Chairperson or a member of the Permit Committee.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

71. A Program Committee must be formed and appointed to arrange the Program for the competitions in the Premier Cricket Competition under these By-Laws (including for the Major Rounds).
72. The Program Committee will comprise a Chairperson and not less than two (2) further members, each elected by the Premier Cricket Committee.

### **DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY PANEL (DEP)**

73. A Disciplinary Enquiry Panel (**DEP**) must be formed and appointed by the Premier Cricket Committee, comprising those persons nominated by the Premier Cricket Committee at each AGM.
74. The DEP will have powers to consider and determine reports/charges referred to it under these By-Laws, offer penalties under these By-Laws (where reports/charges are proven) and make referrals to a Commissioner or the Premier Cricket Committee (as applicable) in accordance with these By-Laws.
75. The DEP will also have the power to receive referrals of reports/charges based on Match Frogbox vision and/or recording(s), make determinations as to any breach(es) of these By-Laws, the Code of Conduct, the Laws of Cricket and/or findings of Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming based on its review of such Frogbox vision and/or recording(s) and, where a report/charge is proven, offer penalties under these By-Laws, but only where:
- 75.1. no other report/charge has been made under these By-Laws in respect of that same conduct; and
- 75.2. the conduct at issue is assessed by the DEP as not exceeding a Level 2 offence.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

76. The Premier Cricket Committee will appoint up to four (4) Commissioners to exercise the powers of the Premier Cricket Committee in relation to the hearing and determination of any reports/charges and appeals and the imposition of penalties concerning Clubs, Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials under these By-Laws and to determine other matters referred to them under these By-Laws. Any Commissioner may sit on any given occasion, subject to any conflict of interest or other matter impacting, or perceived to impact, their ability to act independently.

### **GROUNDS TRIBUNAL**

77. A Grounds Tribunal must be formed and appointed to exercise the powers of the Premier Cricket Committee in relation to the hearing and determination of any reports or protests in relation to pitch and ground conditions or any breach of the By-Laws or the Playing Conditions regarding covers.
78. The Grounds Tribunal will comprise a Commissioner as Chairperson, two (2) further members and one (1) alternate, who must each be independent of any Club.
79. If the Grounds Tribunal is required to conduct any of its duties in the absence of the Chairperson, one (1) of the other Commissioners will act as Chairperson in the Chairperson's place and in the absence of one (1) of the other members, the alternate will take that member's place.

80. Where a report or protest has been referred to the Grounds Tribunal, and a Grounds Tribunal member is or becomes unavailable, the Grounds Tribunal Chairperson will determine if any substitute or proxy takes that member's place, subject to any determined need for continuity during an investigation, which may otherwise be disrupted by any replacement. The Grounds Tribunal may be convened to hear and determine any matters referred to it with only two (2) persons present in such circumstances but this should occur only when it is considered undesirable to change the composition of the Grounds Tribunal during a single investigation.
81. A Grounds Tribunal member who misses one (1) or more meetings of the Grounds Tribunal in relation to a single investigation may re-join the Grounds Tribunal at later meetings on that matter at the discretion of the Grounds Tribunal Chairperson.
82. A determination of the Grounds Tribunal may be appealed to the Premier Cricket Committee.
83. Any appeal in respect of a Grounds Tribunal determination must be lodged within forty-eight (48) hours of the relevant finding(s) of the Grounds Tribunal being announced.
84. The decision of the Premier Cricket Committee in respect of any appeal relating to a finding or determination of the Grounds Tribunal will be final and binding.

#### **FORMS AND PROCEDURES**

85. The forms and procedures that apply and which should be utilised under these By-Laws will be those prescribed by the Premier Cricket Committee from time to time.

#### **INFORMATION REQUESTS/DIRECTIONS**

86. The Premier Cricket Committee, the SACA Board, the General Manager - Cricket and/or the Manager – Premier Cricket may seek information or responses from member Clubs or bodies of the Premier Cricket Committee from time to time by formal request, whether in writing, by questionnaire, through a survey or other format. A timeframe for response may be specified.
87. A member Club or body of the Premier Cricket Committee must comply with any formal request received under By-Law 86.
88. If and where a member Club or body of the Premier Cricket Committee does not comply with a formal request under By-Law 86 by the date specified for a response, the following process and penalties may be invoked and apply:
  - 88.1. For any initial breach within a twelve (12) month period commencing at the AGM for that year:
    - (a) A 'warning letter' will be issued repeating the request for information (if still relevant) and requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
    - (b) If a response remains outstanding after seven (7) days from dispatch of the warning letter, a fine of \$100.00 will be payable, a second warning letter will be issued and the request for information will be repeated (if still relevant), requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
    - (c) If a response remains outstanding after seven (7) days from dispatch of the second warning letter, a further fine of \$400.00 will be payable, a final warning letter will be issued and the request for information will be repeated (if still relevant), requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.

- (d) If a satisfactory response is not provided upon the expiration of the seven (7) day timeframe in the final warning letter, the matter will be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee and the Premier Cricket Committee will determine the appropriate action to be taken (which may include, without limitation, imposition of a further fine, suspension from the Premier Cricket Committee or suspension from all or any part of the Premier Cricket Competition).

88.2. For a second breach within the same twelve (12) month period commencing at the AGM for that year:

- (a) A 'warning letter' will be issued, repeating the request for information (if still relevant) and requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
- (b) If a response remains outstanding after seven (7) days from dispatch of the warning letter, a fine of \$100.00 will be payable, a second warning letter will be issued and the request for information will be repeated (if still relevant), requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
- (c) If a response remains outstanding after seven (7) days from dispatch of the second warning letter, a further fine of \$400.00 will be payable, a final warning letter will be issued and the request for information will be repeated (if still relevant), requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
- (d) If a satisfactory response is not provided upon the expiration of the seven (7) day timeframe in the final warning letter, the matter will be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee and the Premier Cricket Committee will determine the appropriate action to be taken (which may include, without limitation, imposition of a further fine, suspension from the Premier Cricket Committee or suspension from all or any part of the Premier Cricket Competition).

88.3. For a third and any subsequent breach(es) within the same twelve (12) month period commencing at the AGM for that year:

- (a) A 'warning letter' will be issued, repeating the request for information (if still relevant) and requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
- (b) If a response remains outstanding after seven (7) days from dispatch of the warning letter, a fine of \$500.00 will be payable, a second warning letter will be issued and the request for information will be repeated (if still relevant), requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
- (c) If a response remains outstanding after seven (7) days from dispatch of the second warning letter, a further fine of \$1,000.00 will be payable, a final warning letter will be issued and the request for information will be repeated (if still relevant), requiring a response within a further seven (7) days.
- (d) If a satisfactory response is not provided upon the expiration of the seven (7) day timeframe in the final warning letter, the matter will be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee and the Premier Cricket Committee will determine the appropriate action to be taken (which may include, without limitation, imposition of a further fine, suspension from the Premier Cricket Committee, or suspension from all or any part of the Premier Cricket Competition).

89. If By-Laws 86 and 87 are triggered, and the resulting information supplied is supplied too late to be of value, this will still constitute a breach of these By-Laws and may be subject to penalty as determined by the Premier Cricket Committee, including as set out in By-Law 88 or at its discretion.

90. In the event of any suspension being imposed on a member Club or body of the Premier Cricket Committee under By-Law 88, any appeal relating to such penalty being imposed will be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee for determination, except where the information request is issued by the Premier Cricket Committee, in which case any such appeal will be referred to a Commissioner for determination.

## PART 3 – CODE OF CONDUCT AND OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

### CODE OF CONDUCT

91. All Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials must comply with the Code of Conduct (appearing in Annexure A, or as otherwise amended or substituted and in force from time to time) during, in connection with and while attending or participating in the Premier Cricket Competition, any Match(es) and any associated events or activities.
92. The Code of Conduct must be read and interpreted having regard to the following general expectations for the Premier Cricket Competition:
- 92.1. all participants being respectful towards all other participants;
  - 92.2. all participants embracing the spirit of the game and participating, whether as a Player, Coach, Club Official or Official, fairly and in a manner consistent with the game of cricket's traditional values, including, without limitation, being gracious in defeat and humble in victory; and
  - 92.3. all participants demonstrating appropriate standards of behaviour and fair play on and off the field, reflective of cricket's significant standing in Australian history and society and consistent with the promotion and growth of the game of cricket.
93. A breach of the Code of Conduct is open to report and subject to penalty as Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming under these By-Laws, depending on the nature, circumstances and gravity of the alleged breach.
94. The Club team captains will each be responsible for ensuring that play in any Match is conducted:
- 94.1. in accordance with the Code of Conduct;
  - 94.2. within the Laws of Cricket, including the Preamble "The Spirit of Cricket";
  - 94.3. in accordance with these By-Laws (where relevant and applicable);
  - 94.4. in accordance with any other relevant and applicable rules, policies or codes; and
  - 94.5. within the spirit of the game of cricket.

## **SACA AND CRICKET AUSTRALIA POLICIES, CODES AND GUIDELINES**

### **Policies and Codes**

95. All Clubs, Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials will be bound by, and must comply with, the following SACA and Cricket Australia policies and codes of behaviour in connection with the Premier Cricket Competition, any Match(es) and any associated events or activities where and to the extent such policies or codes are relevant and applicable:
- 95.1. SACA Affiliated Clubs and Associations Affiliate Protection Policy;
  - 95.2. Australian Cricket Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People;
  - 95.3. SACA Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People;
  - 95.4. Australian Cricket 'Looking After Our Kids' Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations & Clubs;
  - 95.5. SACA Privacy Policy; and
  - 95.6. SACA Concussion Substitution Policy,
- as amended and in force from time to time or any other relevant policies, codes or rules notified by SACA in writing.
96. Copies of the SACA and Australian Cricket policies and codes specified in By-Law 95 are available on the SACA Website.
97. A breach of the policies or codes in By-Law 95, or any other policy, code or rule notified by SACA in writing, may be open to report and subject to penalty as Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming under these By-Laws, depending on the nature, circumstances and gravity of the alleged breach or non-compliance.

### **Guidelines**

98. All Clubs, Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials will observe and adhere to all relevant and applicable Guidelines issued and published by SACA and/or Cricket Australia from time to time (available on the SACA Website and/or Cricket Australia Website) during, in connection with and for the purposes of the Premier Cricket Competition, any Match(es) and any associated events or activities, including but not limited to the Transgender and Gender Diverse Guidelines and the Australian Cricket Community Cricket Concussion and Head Trauma Guidelines, as amended from time to time.

### **Heat Policy (and Guidelines)**

99. The Premier Cricket Committee will adopt a Heat Policy in a form determined by SACA from time to time, which will apply to the Premier Cricket Competition and all Matches and be binding on all participants. Associated Guidelines relating to heat or heat management may also be determined by SACA and apply to the Premier Cricket Competition and all Matches and all participants.
100. Clubs must ensure that all Players, Coaches and Club Officials are advised of and adhere to the Heat Policy (and any associated Guidelines) (as amended and in force from time to time).

101. The Heat Policy (and any associated Guidelines) as approved and applicable from time to time is available on the Premier Cricket Website.

### **Lightning Policy**

102. The Premier Cricket Committee will adopt a Lightning Policy in a form determined by SACA from time to time, which will apply to the Premier Cricket Competition and all Matches and be binding on all participants.
103. Clubs must ensure that all Players, Coaches and Club Officials are advised of and adhere to the Lightning Policy (as amended and in force from time to time).
104. The Lightning Policy is available on the Premier Cricket Website.

## **PART 4 – MISCONDUCT AND/OR BEHAVIOUR UNBECOMING – REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

### **MISCONDUCT**

105. Misconduct under these By-Laws will include, but is not limited to, a breach of the Code of Conduct or any other relevant and applicable code or behavioural standard(s) promulgated by SACA, Cricket Australia, the ICC or other relevant body and/or any other conduct/behaviour that causes or could cause the game of cricket to be brought into disrepute.

### **BEHAVIOUR UNBECOMING**

106. Behaviour Unbecoming under these By-Laws will include, but is not limited to:
- 106.1. behaviour amounting to Misconduct;
  - 106.2. behaviour harmful to the interests of cricket; and/or
  - 106.3. any other behaviour that is considered by the relevant decision-maker under these By-Laws as sufficiently morally or socially unacceptable to constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct or these By-Laws.

### **REPORTS / CHARGES**

#### **Umpire Reports – Players, Coaches and Club Officials**

107. If:
- 107.1. an Umpire, during or on the day of a Match which they are appointed to umpire; or
  - 107.2. an Umpire coach or the SACA Umpire Administration and Development Manager (or other relevant SACA personnel from time to time),
- during or on the day of a Match at which they are present, deems it necessary to report any Player, Coach or Club Official for:
- 107.3. Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming arising out of, or in the course of, that Match (whether or not the Player, Coach or Club Official is involved in that Match);

107.4.any breach of Law 41 (unfair play) of the Laws of Cricket; or

107.5.any other Law of the Laws of Cricket or any By-Law,

they must, as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the day's play for that Match, notify the Umpires or the other officiating Umpire (as relevant and applicable) of the report.

108. The reporting person(s) must furnish a written report in the prescribed form to SACA as soon as practicable following the relevant Match.

109. The report will constitute a charge against the Player, Coach or Club Official for the purposes of these By-Laws and will, in the first instance, be referred by SACA to the DEP.

#### **SACA Reports for Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming**

110. The GM - Cricket may, if they deem it appropriate (at their discretion), make on behalf of SACA a report against any Player, Coach, Club Official or Official, alleging that the person has engaged in Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming.

111. SACA reports for Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming will not be limited to a Match context or to conduct arising from, or occurring during, a Match.

112. SACA reports for Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming may arise or result from (without limitation):

112.1.observation(s) by any SACA personnel at a Match (i.e. a Match day report) or other event or activity associated with a Match or the Premier Cricket Competition;

112.2.review of Frogbox vision or recording(s) of behaviour/conduct occurring during a Match; and/or

112.3.a concern or complaint received by SACA from a Club, Club Official, Coach, Player or Official or other relevant person, regarding the behaviour/conduct of a Club, Club Official, Coach, Player or Official.

113. SACA reports for Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming must be made within a reasonable time of the alleged conduct and SACA becoming aware of it.

114. A report by the GM - Cricket will constitute a charge against the Player, Club Official, Coach or Official for the purposes of these By-Laws.

115. A charge that:

115.1.exceeds a Level 2 offence;

115.2.is reasonably considered as likely to be more complex, including (without limitation) by reason of its nature, gravity and/or the relevant alleged conduct, course of conduct and/or circumstances involved; and/or

115.3.is made later than 11:00am on the Monday immediately following the completion of any relevant Match the subject of the charge(s),

will be referred by the GM - Cricket directly to a Hearing Commissioner for determination at a hearing.

116. All other charges initiated by the GM-Cricket will, in the first instance, be referred by the GM – Cricket to the DEP.

## REFERRALS TO THE DEP

117. All charges under these By-Laws, except those proceeding under By-Law 115 (or otherwise specified in these By-Laws), will be referred to the DEP as soon as possible and by no later than 11:00am on the Monday immediately following the completion of the relevant Match the subject of the charge(s).
118. In reviewing and seeking to determine a charge before it, the DEP may seek further information or comment from any person in such a manner as it deems fit at its discretion.
119. Subject to By-Laws 120 and 123, the DEP will review and make a determination on each charge by no later than 5:00pm on the day the DEP receives the charge referral.
120. If the DEP is unable to make a determination on a charge, the charge must be referred by the DEP to a Hearing Commissioner for determination at a hearing.
121. The DEP's determination of a charge must be unanimous. If the DEP does not reach unanimous agreement, the charge must be referred by the DEP to a Hearing Commissioner for determination at a hearing.
122. If the DEP determines that a charge, if proven (on the balance of probabilities), exceeds a Level 2 offence and constitutes a Level 3 offence or greater, the charge must be referred by the DEP to a Hearing Commissioner for determination at a hearing.
123. If the DEP determines that a charge which may otherwise ordinarily fall within a Level 1 of 2 offence range is reasonably considered as complex or otherwise more appropriately determined by a Hearing Commissioner (including, without limitation, by reason of its nature, gravity and/or the relevant alleged conduct, course of conduct and/or circumstances involved), the DEP may refer that charge to a Hearing Commissioner for determination at a hearing (at the DEP's sole and absolute discretion).
124. If the DEP determines that the charge, if proven (on the balance of probabilities), constitutes a Level 1 or Level 2 offence, the DEP may:
  - 124.1. find the charge proven (on the balance of probabilities) and offer a penalty of a fine or a period of ineligibility to participate (i.e. a suspension); or
  - 124.2. find the charge not proven (on the balance of probabilities) and dismiss the charge.
125. The DEP may offer a penalty that includes any or all of the following:
  - 125.1. a fine; and/or
  - 125.2. a period of ineligibility to participate in a number of Matches (i.e. a suspension), whether as a Player, Coach or Club Official, in a combined capacity or as an Official (including an Umpire),  
  
including having regard to the offence and penalty guidance and indicative range of penalties contained within the Code of Conduct.
126. The DEP must, upon finding a charge proven (on the balance of probabilities), request and obtain details of any prior penalty imposed on the reported person before making its determination and proposing any penalty.

127. If a Player holds a dual role and is also a Coach or Club Official, the DEP may determine, at its discretion, whether any proposed suspension extends to a coaching capacity or is confined exclusively to a playing context and how it will be served.
128. The DEP will, upon making its determination, promptly notify the reported person and the Club of its determination and proposed penalty.
129. The reported person must, at the time of DEP notification, be advised that if they do not accept the determination and proposed penalty by 5:00pm on the Tuesday immediately following the notification, the charge will be referred by the DEP to a Hearing Commissioner for determination at a hearing on the Wednesday evening immediately following (i.e. the next day), unless otherwise notified by the Hearing Commissioner.
130. The DEP is not required to give reasons for its determinations.

## **PART 5 – COMMISSIONER REFERRALS, HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

### **REFERRALS TO HEARING COMMISSIONER AND HEARING PROCEDURES**

131. A Hearing Commissioner will hear and determine all charges or other matters referred to them under these By-Laws.
132. In the case of any charge(s) under these By-Laws arising out of, during or in connection with a Match, a hearing will be convened on the Wednesday evening immediately following the completion of the relevant Match, at a time and place fixed by the Hearing Commissioner, unless otherwise scheduled.
133. In the case of any other charges under these By-Laws (i.e. other than arising at, out of, during or in connection with a Match), a hearing will be convened as notified by the Hearing Commissioner.
134. In the case of any other matters referred to a Commissioner under these By-Laws, a hearing will be convened as notified by the Commissioner.
135. Where a hearing relates to any charge(s) under these By-Laws, the Manager – Premier Cricket must advise the Club and the reported person(s) of the time and place of the scheduled hearing. In the case of any other matter referred to a Hearing Commissioner under these By-Laws, the Manager – Premier Cricket will notify the time and place of the scheduled hearing arrangements as relevant and appropriate for that matter.
136. The following persons must appear in person at a hearing, unless the Hearing Commissioner directs otherwise:
  - 136.1. in the case of any charge(s) under these By-Laws, the reported person(s) (and/or Club representative(s) authorised to represent the reported person(s), if applicable) and the person(s) who made the report initiating the charge;
  - 136.2. in the case of any other matter referred to a hearing under these By-Laws, the persons relevantly involved in the matter, including as determined by the Hearing Commissioner.

137. Any Player, Coach, Club Official or Official who has been reported for, and charged with, alleged Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming will not be eligible to participate in any Match until completion of the hearing and determination of the charge of alleged Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming.
138. The reported person(s) may apply to the Hearing Commissioner for a dispensation from, or a variation of, the requirement under By-Law 137 for their attendance in person. If a dispensation or variation is granted, the Hearing Commissioner may impose any conditions they consider appropriate in all of the circumstances, at their discretion.
139. In the case of Officials, an Umpire may be accompanied by an Umpires' representative, who will act as an observer.
140. At a hearing, the reported person(s) (or in the case of another matter referred to a hearing under these By-Laws, the person(s) relevantly involved in the matter) will be given a full opportunity to present their case (or position) and, where relevant, may call and question witnesses and make submissions.
141. In the case of any charge(s) under these By-Laws, if the reported person elects not to dispute the facts of the charge(s) against them, and advises the Hearing Commissioner of this prior to the hearing, the Hearing Commissioner may excuse the reporting person(s) from attending the hearing.
142. Persons appearing before the Hearing Commissioner will not be entitled to legal representation, unless the Hearing Commissioner grants permission.
143. In the case of any charge(s) under these By-Laws, if a reported person fails to appear before the Hearing Commissioner at the appointed time and place of a hearing, the Hearing Commissioner, upon being satisfied that notice was duly given to the reported person, may proceed to hear and determine the charge(s) against that person in their absence.
144. The Hearing Commissioner may adjourn a hearing from time to time.
145. The Hearing Commissioner is not bound by the rules of evidence and may inform themselves upon any matter, in any manner they think fit, at their discretion.
146. Vision or audio or other recording(s) may be received as evidence and considered by the Hearing Commissioner.
147. The Hearing Commissioner will determine the procedure to apply in any hearing at their discretion.
148. The Hearing Commissioner will act according to equity, natural justice, good conscience and the substantial merits of the case.
149. Any person present at a hearing who disrupts the hearing, conducts themselves in a manner disrespectful to the Hearing Commissioner or otherwise engages in any inappropriate conduct during a hearing may be dealt with in such a manner as the Hearing Commissioner deems fit, at their discretion.
150. The Manager – Premier Cricket must attend all hearings before the Hearing Commissioner and keep a record of the proceedings.
151. In the case of any charge(s) under these By-Laws, the standard of proof to be applied at a hearing is the balance of probabilities.

152. If the Hearing Commissioner finds a charge against a reported person proven, the Manager – Premier Cricket must provide to the Hearing Commissioner details of all previous occasions on which the reported person has been found guilty of Misconduct, Behaviour Unbecoming or similar in any competition, to guide and inform the Hearing Commissioner’s assessment of an appropriate penalty.

#### **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – RANGE OF PENALTIES**

153. The Hearing Commissioner may impose a penalty that includes any or all of the following:
- 153.1. a fine;
  - 153.2. a reprimand; and/or
  - 153.3. a period of ineligibility to participate in a number of Matches (i.e. a suspension), whether as a Player, Coach or Club Official, in a combined capacity or as an Official (including an Umpire).
154. Offence and penalty guidance and an indicative range of penalties is set out in the Code of Conduct, however the Hearing Commissioner will not be restricted to those penalties – they are merely intended as a guide and the Hearing Commissioner retains discretion as to the penalty or penalties to be imposed.
155. In the case of a fine, the Hearing Commissioner may also set a period of ineligibility to participate (a suspension) in a number of Matches (whether as a Player, Coach, Club Official, in a combined capacity) or as an Official, which the person may elect to serve in lieu of paying the fine.
156. For the purposes of any suspension imposed under these By-Laws, a person under suspension must not, for the relevant period of their suspension, enter the field of play or perform any playing, coaching or officiating role on a Match day in any Match in any grade or competition in the Premier Cricket Competition, unless or until their suspension has been served and has concluded.
157. In the case of deciding that a person should serve a period of ineligibility to participate (“the sentence”), the Hearing Commissioner may suspend the sentence (or any part of it), on such conditions and for such period (but not exceeding two (2) years from the date of the sentence) as the Hearing Commissioner thinks fit, at their discretion.
158. If/where a Player is serving a suspension during the Major Round, a Major Round Match will be considered and treated as a Match served only if that Player would otherwise ordinarily have been expected to be named and play in such a Match (i.e. where the grade and team for which the Player is ordinarily qualified is playing in that Major Round Match, rather than where the Player would be required to play across grades or otherwise require a Permit).
159. If a person is suspended for one (1) or more Matches, and subsequently participates in a Match, any part of which coincides with a Match for which they were suspended, then that Match will not be counted as part of the person’s period of ineligibility to participate.
160. If a Player receives a suspension and they hold a dual role as a Coach or Club Official, the Hearing Commissioner may determine, at their discretion, whether the suspension extends to a coaching capacity or is confined exclusively to a playing context and how it will be served.
161. In the case of imposing a penalty on a Coach or Club Official, the Hearing Commissioner may also impose a fine upon the relevant Club that the Coach or Club Official represents.

162. Any fine imposed by a Hearing Commissioner may not exceed the sum of \$2,000.00.
163. Any fine must be paid to SACA and will be applied by SACA towards the costs incurred by SACA in running the Premier Cricket Competition.
164. Unless and until a fine payable by a person has been paid, or the alternative period of ineligibility served, they will not be eligible to participate in any Match.
165. If a Club fails to pay a fine imposed upon it, will deduct the amount of such fine from the next distribution of monies otherwise payable by SACA to that Club.

#### **OTHER COMMISSIONER REFERRAL OUTCOMES**

166. For matters referred to and heard by a Commissioner under these By-Laws, other than a charge, a Commissioner may grant or refuse an application, make a determination on any question or matter in dispute, resolve any appeal and otherwise make a decision as it sees fit, at its discretion.

#### **REPORTING OF HEARING OUTCOMES**

##### **Charges**

167. The Hearing Commissioner will announce their decision at the conclusion of the hearing or advise the Premier Cricket Coordinator of the decision the next day (or in any event as soon as feasible). The Premier Cricket Coordinator will communicate the decision to all persons relevantly involved in the hearing.
168. If the Hearing Commissioner has provided a written decision, the Premier Cricket Coordinator will distribute a copy of the written decision to all persons relevantly involved in the hearing, the secretaries of all Clubs and SACUSA.
169. The Premier Cricket Coordinator will upload and publish on the Premier Cricket Website the details of all reports and the result of any DEP inquiry or Commissioner hearing, as applicable. The Premier Cricket Coordinator will not upload and publish any written decision(s) of a Hearing Commissioner to the Premier Cricket Website unless directed to do so by the relevant Hearing Commissioner.

##### **Other Referrals**

170. In the case of any matter referred to and heard by a Commissioner, other than a charge, the Hearing Commissioner's decision will be communicated as directed by the Hearing Commissioner (or Premier Cricket Committee).

#### **RESTRICTIONS ON PRE-HEARING COMMENTS**

171. No Club, Player, Coach, Club Official or Official may make any comment to any media organisation (or representative of any media organisation) or in any media or other public forum prior to the hearing of any report, charge or appeal (or other referral to a Commissioner) under these By-Laws. Any breach of this By-Law must be investigated by the Hearing Commissioner, who may take such action against the Club, Player, Coach, Club Official or Official as the Hearing Commissioner deems appropriate, at their discretion.

## **APPEALS AGAINST HEARING COMMISSIONER DECISIONS**

### **Reports/Charges**

172. If a reported person is not satisfied with a decision of the Hearing Commissioner, the reported person may appeal to an Appeals Tribunal.
173. Any Appeals Tribunal will comprise three (3) persons, namely a Commissioner (who did not conduct the initial hearing), a representative nominated by SACUSA and a representative nominated by the Premier Cricket Committee. The Premier Cricket Committee representative must not have acted as a reported person's representative in any hearing conducted by a Hearing Commissioner or in any appeal in the two (2) years prior to the appeal.
174. Any appeal must be lodged with the Manager – Premier Cricket within twenty-four (24) hours of the reported person being advised of the decision of the Hearing Commissioner.
175. At the time of lodging any appeal a fee of \$500.00 must be paid upfront to SACA by, or on behalf of, the appellant.
176. The Appeals Tribunal may, at the conclusion of the appeal, exercise its discretion and direct that any amount up to 80% of the lodging fee be refunded.
177. The lodging of an appeal does not operate as a stay of the decision of the Hearing Commissioner. After an appeal has been lodged, the reported person may apply to the Hearing Commissioner for a direction that the decision being appealed to the Appeals Tribunal be stayed until the appeal has been heard and determined. If such a direction is given by the Hearing Commissioner, the Hearing Commissioner may impose any conditions they consider appropriate in all of the circumstances, at their discretion.
178. An appeal is to be heard and determined as soon as reasonably practicable.
179. An appeal will be a new hearing and is not limited in any way by the original decision the subject of the appeal.
180. On the hearing of an appeal, the original penalty imposed by the Hearing Commissioner may be increased, decreased, amended or otherwise substituted for any other penalty, subject only to these By-Laws.

### **Other Referrals to a Commissioner**

181. For other referrals to a Commissioner under these By-Laws, not involving a report/charge, the Commissioner's determination will be final and binding, unless these By-Laws provide, or the Premier Cricket Committee determines, otherwise.

## **COMMISSIONER DISCRETION – PROCEDURES AND COMPLIANCE**

182. A Commissioner has an absolute discretion to waive compliance with any procedural requirement or time limitation in respect of (without limitation):
  - 182.1. a referral to or from the DEP;
  - 182.2. any referral (or other application) to a Commissioner;
  - 182.3. hearing procedures;
  - 182.4. the hearing of a charge or other matter referred to a Commissioner;

182.5.any appeal under these By-Laws; and

182.6.any other matter for determination by a Commissioner,

provided that no party to the relevant process will suffer undue prejudice by the exercise of that discretion.

## **PART 6 - DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES – MISCONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR UNBECOMING**

### **RANGE OF PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT AND/OR BEHAVIOUR UNBECOMING**

183. If and where a report / charge is found to be proven by the DEP, Hearing Commissioner or Appeals Tribunal (as applicable), a penalty which is appropriate in all of the circumstances should be imposed on the reported person (or where relevant, a Club).
184. When imposing any penalty all relevant circumstances should be taken into account including, without limitation:
- 184.1.the seriousness of the breach;
  - 184.2.the harm caused by the breach;
  - 184.3.the person’s seniority and standing in the game;
  - 184.4.any remorse shown by the person;
  - 184.5.the prospect of further breaches;
  - 184.6.the person’s prior record; and/or
  - 184.7.the impact of the penalty on the person.
185. Offence and penalty guidance and an indicative range of penalties for Misconduct and/or Behaviour Unbecoming is contained within the Code of Conduct (Annexure A). A penalty greater than the indicative range contained within the Code of Conduct may be imposed in the case of a person having been found guilty of previous offences, whether in any Premier Cricket Competition or other competitions, or where the offence is particularly serious or forms part of a continuing course of conduct.
186. As set out in By-Law 156, for the purposes of any suspension under these By-Laws, a person under suspension must not, for the relevant period of their suspension, enter the field of play or perform any playing, coaching or officiating role on a Match day in any Match in any grade or competition, unless or until their suspension has been served and concluded.
187. As set out in By-Law 158, if/where a Player is serving a suspension during the Major Round, a Major Round Match will be considered and treated as a Match served only if that Player would otherwise ordinarily have been expected to be named and play in such a Match (i.e. where the grade and team for which the Player is ordinarily qualified is playing in that Major Round Match, rather than where the Player would be required to play across grades or otherwise require a Permit).

188. As set out in By-Law 159, if a person is suspended for one (1) or more Matches, and subsequently participates in a Match, any part of which coincides with a Match for which they were suspended, then that Match will not be counted as part of the person's period of ineligibility to participate.

#### **EFFECT OF CRICKET AUSTRALIA, INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL (ICC) OR OTHER COMPETITION SUSPENSIONS**

189. A Player suspended by Cricket Australia or the International Cricket Council (ICC) from playing in any matches under the control of either of them will not, during the period of that suspension (or for any longer period that a Commissioner may determine if/where the matter is referred to a Commissioner by the Premier Cricket Committee), be eligible to play in any Match.
190. A Player suspended by any other cricket association or competition will not be permitted to play in any Match during the period of that suspension, except to complete a Match in which the Player had already commenced playing prior to that suspension.
191. In exceptional circumstances (such as where a suspension, due to its timing, extends into the following season), and where Cricket Australia or the ICC has not specifically made a determination about a suspension applying or not applying to Matches in lower grades, the Player may apply to a Commissioner for a variation and the Commissioner may, at their discretion, vary the application of By-Law 190.

### **PART 7 - GROUNDS TRIBUNAL**

#### **REPORTS AND PROTESTS – GROUNDS, PITCH CONDITIONS AND COVERS**

192. The Home Club for any Match will be responsible for the preparation of grounds, the pitch conditions and covers in accordance with these By-Law, the Playing Conditions for that Match and the Laws of Cricket (and that obligation extends to, and includes, where grounds are prepared by contractors engaged on behalf of the Home Club).
193. All reports and protests relating to grounds, pitch conditions and covers sought to be referred to the Grounds Tribunal must be lodged with the Manager - Premier Cricket (in writing) within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled completion time of the day's play for the Match to which the report or protest relates.
194. The Manager – Premier Cricket will refer reports or protests to the Grounds Tribunal for determination, provided the nature, circumstances and gravity warrant a referral (determined at their discretion).

## GROUNDS TRIBUNAL REFERRALS

195. The Grounds Tribunal must investigate and determine any report or protest referred to it by the Manager – Premier Cricket under these By-Laws.
196. If/where a report or protest is referred to the Grounds Tribunal, the Grounds Tribunal may conduct its own enquires and investigation in any manner it sees fit (at its discretion), taking into account any urgency which may exist. It may, without limitation, interview (by phone, in person or via videoconference or other digital technology) any person it considers may assist its enquires, convene a hearing (or otherwise), call individuals to give evidence at any hearing, ask for written statements, allow cross-examination at any hearing or provide a right of reply as it sees fit and refer to and rely on any other evidence it considers relevant, credible and reliable.
197. The Grounds Tribunal will make a determination based on the information, material and evidence available to it.
198. The Grounds Tribunal may dismiss any matter referred to it if, at any time, it considers there is insufficient evidence or information for it to make any meaningful determination.
199. If/where the Grounds Tribunal determines that a breach of the By-Laws, the Laws of Cricket and/or the Playing Conditions for the Match has occurred (after providing the relevant responsible Club a right of reply or, where relevant and appropriate, a hearing), the Grounds Tribunal may impose following penalties:
- 199.1. if/where the breach did not affect the relevant Match in any way:
- (a) a reprimand or warning to the responsible Club;
  - (b) imposition of a fine of up to \$5,000.00 on the responsible Club (all or part of which may be suspended for up to two (2) years); or
  - (c) take no action; or
- 199.2. if/where the breach unfairly affected the other Club not responsible for the breach:
- (a) award the premiership points for that Match to the visiting team;
  - (b) change the result (consequently altering premiership points);
  - (c) make any other change or adjustment to premiership points as it considers appropriate, at its discretion; and/or
  - (d) in addition to, or in lieu of the above available penalties, impose a fine of up to \$5,000.00 on the responsible Club (all or part of which may be suspended for up to two (2) years).
200. The following circumstances (without limitation), if satisfactorily established, must be determined to constitute a breach of the By-Laws:
- 200.1. no preparation of a pitch for or on any scheduled day of a Match;
- 200.2. preparation of a different pitch on day two (2) of a two (2) day Match to the pitch used on day one (1) of that Match without prior approval of the relevant officiating Umpire(s); and/or

200.3.operation of a watering system which entirely prevents play or substantially reduces playing time on any playing day of a Match such that a result is not possible,

and will be subject to penalties, including as set out in By-Law 199.

201. A determination of the Grounds Tribunal may be appealed to the Premier Cricket Committee.
202. Any appeal in respect of a Grounds Tribunal determination must be lodged within forty-eight (48) hours of the relevant finding(s) of the Grounds Tribunal being announced.
203. The decision of the Premier Cricket Committee in respect of any appeal relating to a finding or determination of the Grounds Tribunal will be final and binding.

## PART 8 – OTHER REPORTS AND REFERRALS

### UMPIRE REPORTS

204. The officiating Umpire(s) of a Match must report in writing to the Manager – Premier Cricket, by no later than 5:00pm on the next Business Day following the end of that Match day's play, any breach of these By-Laws or the Laws of Cricket other than:

204.1.conduct alleged to amount to Misconduct or Behaviour Unbecoming (refer to Part 4 for the applicable process);

204.2.reports or protests relating to grounds, pitch conditions or covers (refer to Part 7 for the applicable process).

205. The Manager – Premier Cricket will refer report(s) they receive under By-Law 204 to the Premier Cricket Committee for consideration and determination, except in the event such a report relates to an alleged breach of any Permit or Transfer requirement(s). Reports relating to an alleged breach of any Permit or Transfer requirement(s) will be referred by the Manager - Premier Cricket to the Permit Committee.

206. If/where an Umpire lodges a report against any Player(s) playing in a Match under Laws 41.9 or 41.10 of the Laws of Cricket (time wasting), or in the event of late commencement of play for a Match for any reason other than time lost due to weather, ground or light conditions as addressed in the Playing Conditions, that report will be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee for consideration and determination in accordance with By-Law 210.

207. For reports to be referred to Premier Cricket Committee other than those in By-Law 206:

207.1.the Manager – Premier Cricket must, on receipt of such a report, communicate that report (in writing) to the relevant Club concerned seeking its explanation or response within fourteen (14) days;

207.2.the report will then be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee, together with any Club explanation or response, for its consideration and determination,

unless otherwise specified in a relevant By-Law.

**REFERRALS**

208. The Premier Cricket Committee will receive, consider and determine all matters referred to it under these By-Laws and such other matters as it sees fit at its discretion (but subject to these By-Laws), including pursuant to its powers under By-Law 15 (and, where applicable By-Law 17).

**APPEALS**

209. The Premier Cricket Committee will hear and determine any appeals or other reviews referred to it under these By-Laws, including pursuant to its powers under By-Law 15.

**DETERMINATIONS, APPROVALS AND OTHER DECISIONS**

210. For referrals of reports relating to time-wasting or delay under By-Law 206, if/where the Premier Cricket Committee forms the opinion that the delay has adversely affected the team not responsible for such delay, the Premier Cricket Committee may vary the points awarded for the Match in a manner it considers appropriate and/or fine the Club responsible for the delay an amount that the Premier Cricket Committee considers appropriate (at its discretion), in accordance with its powers under By-Law 15.

211. Where particular penalties or consequences are specified in these By-Laws for a breach of a particular nature, they may be imposed by the Premier Cricket Committee if/where it determines a relevant breach or other non-compliance has occurred. Penalties or consequences will otherwise be at the discretion of the Premier Cricket Committee, in accordance with its powers under By-Law 15.

212. Determinations, approvals or other decisions of the Premier Cricket Committee in respect of matters referred to, or otherwise vesting in, it under these By-Laws will occur at a Premier Cricket Committee meeting or, where necessary (and no form of hearing or similar or in-person discussion is required), by circular resolution. Such determinations, approvals or other decisions will be by a majority of votes of the Premier Cricket Committee members or delegates entitled to vote in respect of the matter.

213. If/where a matter turns on an interpretation of a By-Law or By-Laws, the matter should first be referred to the By-Laws Committee in accordance with its powers under By-Law 68.

214. In the event of urgency, By-Law 37 (extraordinary powers) may apply.

**PART 10 - PLAYER REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION**

**REGISTRATION**

**Registration Obligations**

215. All Players must be duly registered with their relevant Club in PlayHQ before playing in any Match. In the event of non-compliance with registration requirements, By-Laws 234 and 235 will apply.

216. If a Player is under eighteen (18), registration (or renewal of registration) must only occur with the consent of a parent or guardian of the Player.

#### **Registration Method / Form(s)**

217. Registration must be entered in PlayHQ, including as specified in these By-Laws.

#### **Registration Renewal**

218. Renewing Players, registering for the same Club with which they have registered in the prior season(s), must lodge an electronic registration application in PlayHQ to renew their registration for the upcoming season. The renewing Player must be registered (and their renewal effective) before the Player commences playing with the relevant Club in that season.

#### **New Players**

219. New Players, who have not previously registered with any Club, must apply for registration with the relevant Club through PlayHQ. The new Player must be registered (and their registration effective) before the Player commences playing with the relevant Club.

### **QUALIFICATION**

#### **Age**

220. In these By-Laws wherever reference is made to a Player being under a certain age for a particular season, the Player will qualify if their relevant birthday falls on or after the date specified in the Playing Conditions for that grade (e.g. 1 September or other specified date immediately preceding the commencement of that season).

#### **Residential Qualifications**

221. Residential qualification for a Club will require six (6) consecutive calendar months residence in the area (i.e. within the boundaries) of that Club.

222. For the purposes of residential qualification, the area assigned to each Club is that defined by the Premier Cricket Zone Allocation.

#### **Change of Residential Qualification**

223. If/where a Player ceases to reside in the area of a Club and establishes a residential qualification in the area of another Club, they will only be eligible to play with:

223.1. that other Club (for which they have become residentially qualified);

223.2. a Club which shares a boundary with that Club; or

223.3. a Club for which they are otherwise qualified under these By-Laws,

unless and until they obtain a Transfer. If the Player has already registered with a Club for that season, they may remain registered with that Club for the balance of the season and this By-Law will apply and become effective at the conclusion of that season.

### **Election to Play Outside Allocated District**

224. Any Player who changes their residence from a district area and who has resided for a minimum of six (6) months in a Club's country zone may elect to play with that Club. If/where they have made such an election, that Player is then bound to that Club unless and until:

224.1. they are or become qualified for another Club in accordance with these By-Laws; or

224.2. they obtain a Transfer.

### **Player Eligibility and Qualification – Not Previously Played in Premier Cricket Competition**

225. Eligibility to register where a Player has not previously played in any of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, West End One-Day Cup, West End Twenty20 Cup, Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14 or Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) will be as follows:

225.1. a Player who has a metropolitan residential qualification for a Club is only eligible to play for that Club or with another Club which shares a metropolitan boundary with that Club (unless a Transfer is obtained for an alternate Club);

225.2. a Player who has resided in a Club's country zone for not less than six (6) consecutive calendar months is only eligible to play with that Club (unless a Transfer is obtained to an alternate Club);

225.3. a Player who is the child of a Player who has played one hundred (100) Matches for a Club and/or was a registered elected Club Official at a Club for ten (10) years is eligible to play for that Club and if such a Player has a residential qualification for another Club, they may play for either Club;

225.4. a Player who has a country residential qualification for a Club is only eligible to play for that Club, unless they obtain written approval from that residentially qualified Club (which approval must be supplied to the Premier Cricket Coordinator for entry into PlayHQ).

### **Special Qualifications for All Grades**

226. A Player who has played with a Club in any of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, Men's West End One-Day Cup, Men's West End Twenty20 Cup, Junior Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14 Grades or Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) or Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades for three (3) seasons with a minimum of five (5) matches in each of those seasons will be qualified to play for that Club, irrespective of their place of residence, unless and until the Player plays with another Club.

### **Women's Qualification**

227. A Player who has not previously registered with any Club in Women's 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades will not be restricted by any geographical boundaries or subject to any residential qualification.

228. If/where a Player has previously registered with a Club for Women's 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, they will require a Transfer to play with any other Club.

### **Players Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age**

229. Players under eighteen (18) (as at 1 September) must play for a Club for which they have a residential qualification, unless or until:

229.1. they are or become qualified for another Club in accordance with these By-Laws; or

229.2. obtain a Transfer.

230. A country zoned Player under eighteen (18) (as at 1 September) remains tied to the country zone Club after moving to the city. A country zoned Player may register with and play for another Club if they obtain a Transfer.

### **Cricket Australia and ICC Matches**

231. Any matches played under the auspices of the International Cricket Council (ICC), Cricket Australia or the ICC-recognised equivalent body of any other country will have no effect on a Player's continuing qualification in the Premier Cricket Competition, unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws or determined by the Premier Cricket Committee.

### **Player Points Cap – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

232. The Player Points Cap system set out in Annexure B will apply to all Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1 and Division 2, Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade West End One Day Cup, Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Twenty20 teams and competitions and all Clubs must comply.

### **PERMIT COMMITTEE – POWERS AND DUTIES – REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION**

233. The Permit Committee has the power to (without limitation):

233.1. inquire into and determine the residential and/or other qualification of any Player seeking registration;

233.2. rescind any registration if/where it becomes apparent that registration occurred based on incomplete or inaccurate information; and

233.3. impose a penalty under By-Laws 234, 236 and/or 237, as applicable.

### **UNREGISTERED OR UNQUALIFIED PLAYERS**

234. Any Club playing a Player not possessing the requisite registration or qualification, and who is therefore ineligible to play, will be in breach of the By-Laws and will be declared to have lost the relevant Match(es) in which the Player took part and will lose all points gained in such Match(es), unless otherwise determined by the Permit Committee on the grounds that there were exceptional circumstances justifying the Player's lack of the requisite registration or qualification. Points awarded to the other Club for a deemed Forfeit will be the maximum achieved in that round of Matches in that grade. By-Laws 345 and 346 may also apply.

235. The Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee (or, if their Club is involved in the relevant Match, the Deputy Chairperson) may join the Permit Committee and be entitled to participate and vote in respect of any decision made under By-Law 234. Any member of the Permit Committee whose Club is involved in the Match must exclude themselves from and not participate in any decision under By-Law 234.

236. In the event any Player otherwise illegally plays in any Match (for example and without limitation, a Player batting twice in an innings, a Player substituting for another under without a necessary Permit, a Player not named on the Team Sheet playing in a Match or a Player playing under a false name), By-Laws 234 and 235 will also apply.
237. If/where a Player supplies deliberately false information to SACA and/or their Club in registering, in making any election to play or application or other communication(s), or otherwise engages in false, deceptive or misleading conduct, the Permit Committee may cancel and/or refuse that Player's registration for such period and on such terms as the Permit Committee determines at its discretion.
238. The Premier Cricket Committee may take action against any Club where that Club is determined by the Premier Cricket Committee to have knowingly been involved in a deliberate breach in accordance with their powers, and the available penalties, under these By-Laws.

### **SUSPENSION OR OUTSTANDING OBLIGATION(S)**

239. A person seeking registration to play in the Premier Cricket Competition must declare:

239.1. any period of ineligibility to participate imposed on them by any other cricket club or association; or

239.2. any relevant obligation they owe to any other cricket club or association affecting their playing status or entitlement to play

and the Permit Committee will determine whether that person will be granted registration as a Player in the Premier Cricket Competition (or otherwise) during any current period of ineligibility or obligation. Only in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the Permit Committee, at its discretion) will registration be granted. If the period of ineligibility is for disciplinary (rather than financial) reasons the Permit Committee will refer the question of any permitted registration to a Commissioner for determination.

## **PART 11 - TRANSFERS AND PERMITS**

### **TRANSFERS**

#### **Transfers Between Clubs**

240. A Player who has registered with a Club for a particular season, and subsequently seeks to register with a different Club prior to commencement of or during that season, may apply for and obtain registration with the new Club, provided they obtain a Transfer from their prior registered Club.
241. A Player who is registered and has played one (1) or more Matches (or part) with a Club in a season may transfer from that Club to another Club during that season, provided they obtain a Transfer from their prior registered Club and have not played for that Club after 31 December in that season.

242. Any Player applying for registration with another Club (other than their last registered Club within five (5) years) must obtain a Transfer from their prior registered Club.

#### **Transfers from Community Clubs (or other clubs)**

243. Subject to By-Law 269 and any Season Permit, or any waiver under By-Law 244, if/where a Player is applying for registration with a Club and that Player has played for a Community Club (or other club) in another competition within the last five (5) years (either since previously playing with a Club or where they have not previously played for a Club), that Player must obtain a Transfer from the Community Club (or other club).
244. If/where the relevant Community Club (or other club) is involved in a competition played outside of or in between Premier Cricket Competition seasons (e.g. in England or Darwin), any obligation to obtain a Transfer may be waived by the Premier Cricket Coordinator upon receipt of a declaration from the Player that no outstanding obligation(s) to the Community Club (or other club) exist(s).

#### **Transfers Where a Player is Not Otherwise Qualified or Eligible for a Club**

245. A Player may only register and join or transfer to a Club for which they not otherwise qualified or eligible (including the Adelaide University Club) if they obtain a Transfer from their current Club and the Club for which they are residentially or otherwise qualified under these By-Laws (if those Clubs differ).

#### **Transfer Applications involving Clubs**

246. If/where a Player requires a Transfer from any Club, that Player's registration must be entered into PlayHQ by the Club to which the Player is transferring or the Club the Player is joining (in either case, the "new Club"). An email will be forwarded to the prior Club from which the Player is departing ("previous Club") and SACA indicating that the Transfer application process has commenced.
247. If a Transfer application is commenced after 1 August and before 1 March, the previous Club has ten (10) days to respond. After ten (10) days has elapsed, subject to any denial of the application by the previous Club, the application will be approved automatically. The ten (10) day approval timeframe includes five (5) days for the previous Club to respond to the application and five (5) days for it to inform SACA of its response.
248. If a Transfer application relates to a Player who has played for a different Club within the last five (5) years, but the application does not trigger a notification through PlayHQ to the previous Club (i.e. if the Transfer request instead triggers a notification to a Community Club or school team within PlayHQ, the new Club must contact the previous Club (by email) to obtain its approval of the Transfer application. The Premier Cricket Coordinator must also be informed by email of the Transfer application. If no response from the previous Club is received within ten (10) days, the Transfer application will be approved automatically.
249. If/where a Player is residing within South Australia or relocating to South Australia from interstate (but not relocating from overseas) any Transfer application for such a Player must:
- 249.1. be sent to the previous Club no later than seventy-two (72) hours before the Match in which the Player seeks to play; and
- 249.2. be approved by the previous Club within PlayHQ by no later than two (2) hours prior to commencement of the Match in which the Player seeks to play.

### **Transfer Applications involving Community Clubs (or other clubs)**

250. If/where a Transfer from a Community Club (or other club) is required, and a Transfer application is commenced after 1 August and before 1 March, the Community Club (or other club) has ten (10) days to respond to a Transfer application. After ten (10) days has elapsed, subject to any denial of the application by the Community Club (or other club), the application will be approved automatically. The ten (10) day approval timeframe includes five (5) days for the Community Club (or other club) to respond to the application and five (5) days for it to inform SACA of its response.

### **Transfer from Adelaide Turf Cricket Association**

251. An online Transfer application must be submitted through PlayHQ for any proposed transfer from Adelaide Turf Cricket Association to any Club. No Player who has played for a club in the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association during a season may register with and transfer to any Club after 31 December in that season. This By-Law does not apply to Players seeking to play in the Under 18 Shield competition or Statewide Cups.

### **Refusal of Transfer Application**

252. A Transfer application may only be refused on grounds that a Player has unfulfilled financial or other obligations to a Club (or Community Club or other club) (unless in the case of a Community Club or other club, its by-laws provide otherwise).
253. If/where a Transfer application has been refused, the following procedures will apply and must be adopted if/where a Player seeks to challenge the refusal (subject to, in the case of a Community Club or other club, its by-laws providing otherwise):
- 253.1. a Player may seek a referral of the matter to the Permit Committee for adjudication and determination;
- 253.2. the Player must provide the Club (or Community Club or other club) refusing the Transfer application fourteen (14) days' prior written notice of their intention to seek a determination from the Permit Committee;
- 253.3. the Club (or Community Club or other club) refusing the Transfer application must notify the Player of its reasons for refusing the Transfer application and arrange to meet with the Player within seven (7) days of receiving notification under By-Law 253.2;
- 253.4. following the meeting under By-Law 253.3, if the Player still wishes to continue to pursue a Permit Committee determination, the Player must arrange, with the assistance of the Manager - Premier Cricket, a meeting between them and the Club (or Community or other club) refusing the Transfer application (and if the Player is under eighteen (18) such meeting must also involve the Player's parent(s)/guardian(s)), to be chaired by the Manager - Premier Cricket;
- 253.5. if the matter remains unresolved after the meeting under By-Law 253.4, the Manager - Premier Cricket will arrange a Permit Committee hearing to determine the matter;
- 253.6. the matter will then be formally referred by the Manager – Premier Cricket to the Permit Committee for adjudication and determination;
- 253.7. the Club (or Community Club or other club) refusing the Transfer application and the Player will each have the right to be heard and submit evidence or argument at the Permit Committee hearing (the Permit

Committee may, at its discretion, allow the Player to be assisted at such hearing, although no person appearing before the Permit Committee will be entitled to legal representation);

253.8. the Permit Committee must, in determining the matter, consider (as relevant and applicable):

- (a) any change in the Player's circumstances occurring since the Player's original registration, qualification or election;
- (b) whether the requisite qualifications are met;
- (c) whether any financial or other obligations remain outstanding;
- (d) whether there are reasonable grounds to excuse the existence of any outstanding financial or other obligations of the Player to their previous Club (or Community Club or other club); and

253.9. any other matters which it considers relevant to the Transfer application including, but not limited to, the best interests of the Player or the best interests of cricket in South Australia; and

253.10. the Permit Committee will determine the referred Permit application.

### **Other Transfer Disputes**

254. If any other dispute arises in relation to any Transfer or Transfer application, the dispute will be referred to the Permit Committee for determination under these By-Laws.

## **PERMITS**

### **Permit Requirements**

255. A Player will be required to hold a Permit in the circumstances specified in these By-Laws.

256. Differing requirements and procedures apply, depending on the nature of the Permit.

257. Requirements for Replacement Player Permits are set out in Part 12 of these By-Laws.

258. Requirements for Permits relating to eligibility or qualification for Minor Round Matches are set out in Part 13 of these By-Laws.

259. Requirements for Permits relating to eligibility or qualification for Major Round Matches, are set out in Part 14 of these By-Laws.

260. Requirements for Season Permits are set out in this Part 11 of these By-Laws.

261. With the exception of Season Permits, if/where a Player requires a Permit for a Match under these By-Laws, such Permit (if granted by the Permit Committee, on application by the Player or Club) must be sent to the opposing Club by no later than 5:00pm on the Friday before the Match in which the Player seeks to play (unless exceptional circumstances exist, as determined by the Permit Committee, at its discretion).

## Permit Applications

262. The procedure for obtaining any Replacement Player Permit (to be granted by the Permit Committee) is set out in Part 12 of these By-Laws.
263. For Permits required under Parts 13 (Minor Round Matches) and Part 14 (Major Round Matches, except for Permits to play in a lower grade):
- 263.1. the relevant Club must apply to the Permit Committee for a Permit;
- 263.2. the relevant Club must initiate a Permit application by sending an email to the Premier Cricket Coordinator identifying (in sufficient detail) the nature of the Permit sought and the relevant circumstances;
- 263.3. the Premier Cricket Coordinator will refer the application to the Permit Committee for consideration and determination;
- 263.4. the Permit Committee will grant or refuse the Permit application based on the information before it and its determination will be communicated to the relevant Club in writing by the Premier Cricket Coordinator; and
- 263.5. The Permit Committee's decision will be final and binding.
264. A specific procedure for obtaining any Permit required under Part 14 for a Player to Play in a lower grade in a Major Round Match is set out in Part 14 of these By-Laws (By-Laws 392 to 396).
265. If a Permit application under Parts 13 or 14 (Minor or Major Round Matches) is refused, the Club may submit a further application (for a different Player), subject to all relevant application and timing requirements being met.
266. The procedure for obtaining a Season Permit is set out in this Part 11 in By-Laws 270 to 272.
267. The consequences for any failure to comply with Replacement Player Permit requirements are set out in Part 12.
268. Any Club playing a Player not possessing any required Permit, and who is therefore ineligible to play, will be in breach of the By-Laws and will be declared to have lost (Forfeited) the relevant Match(es) in which the Player took part and will lose all points gained in such Match(es), unless otherwise determined by the Permit Committee on the grounds that there were exceptional circumstances justifying the Player's lack of the requisite Permit (unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws). Points awarded to the other Club for a deemed Forfeit will be the maximum achieved in that round of Matches in that grade. Other or additional consequences may apply for a breach of Permit requirements for any Replacement Player under Part 12, including as specified in By-Laws 309 to 311, or for any Major Round Match under Part 14, including as specified in By-Law 384. By-Laws 345 and 346 may also apply.

## Season Permits

269. A Player who is registered with a Club in any season may also play for a Community Club in that season and a Player who is registered with a Community Club in any season may also play for a Club in that same season without requiring a Transfer, provided they have obtained a Season Permit.
270. If/where a Player requires a Season Permit, that Player's registration must be entered in PlayHQ by the relevant Club for which the Player is seeking to play.
271. The Season Permit application requires approval of the relevant Community Club and SACA.
272. Season Permits will be permitted on the following conditions:
- 272.1. the relevant Community Club must be affiliated with SACA or a Community Association that is affiliated with SACA;
  - 272.2. the relevant Player must be duly registered under the By-Laws of both SACA and the relevant SACA affiliated Community Club and/or Association; and
  - 272.3. a Player may not hold more than one (1) Season Permit within any one competition in any season (i.e. a Player must not be registered with multiple Clubs or Community Clubs within the same competition).
273. A Player who holds a Season Permit will not be prevented from obtaining a Transfer from their Club or a Transfer from their Community Club at any time by reason of the Season Permit. Any such Transfer application must be made under these By-Laws (or in case of a Community Club or Community Association, under or as varied by its by-laws, if/to the extent applicable).
274. A Player who:
- 274.1. holds a Season Permit and obtains a Transfer from their Club or Community Club (as relevant) during a season; or
  - 274.2. held a Season Permit in the last season in which they played and obtains a Transfer from their Club or Community Club following the completion of that season,
- must also obtain a Transfer from their other (secondary) relevant Club or Community Club for which they hold the Season Permit.
275. A Player holding a Season Permit must always offer themselves for selection by the Club first, in priority to the Community Club (i.e. where there is a conflict with the Community Club's match program).
276. A Player with a Season Permit must always complete a Match in the Premier Cricket Competition which has commenced and in which they are a named Player.
277. A Player with a Season Permit may play for their school or Community Club on a weekend as well as for their Club on the same weekend.
278. A Player with a Season Permit who is under eighteen (18) years (as at 1 September) in the current season may play in the Premier Cricket Competition on both days of the same weekend.

279. Where a Player aged under eighteen (18) years (as at 1 September) in the current season seek to register with a Club in addition to a Community Club, the Player must apply (in writing) for a Season Permit, which will be deemed an election to play for a Club for which they are eligible and qualified under these By-Laws. Such a Player may not subsequently register with any other Club other than as provided for in these By-Laws.
280. The relevant SACA By-Laws and SAMCA by-laws pertaining to eligibility and qualification to play in Finals Matches will apply to a Player with a Season Permit.

#### **PERMIT COMMITTEE – POWERS AND DUTIES – TRANSFERS AND PERMITS**

281. The Permit Committee has the power to (without limitation):
- 281.1. inquire into and determine matters relating to Transfers and Permits;
  - 281.2. adjudicate and make determinations in respect of refused Transfer Applications and Transfer and other Transfer application disputes;
  - 281.3. rescind any Permit if/where it becomes apparent that the grant of a Permit occurred based on incomplete or inaccurate information;
  - 281.4. determine Season Permit disputes;
  - 281.5. impose a penalty under By-Laws 268 and/or 236 (or under Part 12 in the case of Replacement Player Permits), as applicable.

### **PART 12 - REPLACEMENT PLAYERS**

#### **PERMIT COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND PERMIT REQUIRED**

282. A Club must select its teams, and any proposed Replacement Players, prior to the relevant round of Matches after taking into account the availability or unavailability of Players.
283. All Replacement Players require a Permit granted by the Permit Committee, unless otherwise specified in this Part 12. The circumstances in which a Replacement Player is permitted under these By-Laws, and in respect of which a Permit may be granted, are specified below.

#### **REPLACEMENT PLAYERS – PERMITTED CIRCUMSTANCES**

284. A Player:
- 284.1. selected as a Player in a Representative Match;
  - 284.2. appointed as an official for or at a Representative Match (as approved by the Permit Committee);
  - 284.3. suffering a Qualifying Injury;
  - 284.4. playing cricket for their independent school; or

284.5.required to attend an Exam

may replace, or be replaced by, another Player on either day of a Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, Women's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or Junior Match in the circumstances specified and permitted under this Part 12.

285. For Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade only, if/where a Player is not available on one day of a two day Match due to the birth of a child for whom they are a parent, that Player may be replaced by another Player (a Replacement Player) provided that the child is expected to be born on the playing day or was born on or after the Monday immediately prior to the playing day for which the replacement applies. For the avoidance of doubt, this applies solely for Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and in other grades Clubs are expected to use their ability to select 12 players in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade or 13 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.
286. If a Player is replaced, consequential replacements in lower grades will be permitted.
287. The Replacement Player must complete the relevant Match with the same full rights and obligations of the Player they have replaced (for example, if the Player replaced was to continue their innings at the resumption of play on the second day or was to complete an over in progress at that time, the Replacement Player will immediately resume such innings or over).

### **Major Round Matches**

288. For Major Round Matches, Replacement Players will only be permitted as specified in Part 12.
289. Any Replacement Player(s) must be included on the Team Sheet prior to the start of the relevant Match.
290. The Team Sheet for the relevant Match must be clearly amended and marked to identify any Replacement Player and any Player(s) replaced.
291. Amendments to the Team Sheet must be signed by both captains and an Umpire and the date and time of such change clearly included (responsibility vests in the captain of the team whose Player is being replaced). The only responsibilities of Umpires will be to sign all Team Sheet changes as required under these By-Laws (after ensuring the date, time and captains' signatures are in place) and to report any occurrences known or reported to them of a Player playing without the required procedures being followed.

### **Unavailability Known or Anticipated Prior to a Match**

292. If and where the unavailability of a Player is known or anticipated by a Club prior to:
- 292.1.the commencement of play on the first day of a two (2) day Minor Round Match not played on consecutive days (e.g. Saturday/Sunday, etc.); or
- 292.2.a Major Round Match,
- a Replacement Player must be selected for each such Player.
293. For the purposes of By-Law 292, a Player's unavailability will be considered anticipated where:
- 293.1.a Player was selected in a Representative Match team in the previous Representative Match of the same type;
- 293.2.a Player is selected in the playing or travelling squad for the upcoming Representative Match;
- 293.3.unavailability is advised by the SACA Cricket Department;

293.4.the date of an Exam is known and advised to the Player; or

293.5.the date on which a Player wishes or is selected and required to play for their independent school is known and advised to the Player.

294. Where a Replacement Player is required due to any Player's involvement in a Representative Match:

294.1.the Replacement Player(s) is/are not required to be notified to the Premier Cricket Coordinator and no Permit will be required, however the names of all Replacement Players and replaced Player(s) must be included alongside each other on the Team Sheets for the relevant Match exchanged prior to the toss;

294.2.Replacement Player(s) are automatically voided if the Player in a Representative Match becomes available to play for their Club through omission from the Representative Match team (including where they are named as twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) man and released in a Representative Match being played in Adelaide) and the Team Sheet for the relevant Match must be amended to reflect the voiding and the date and time the change was made and must be signed by both team captains and an Umpire;

294.3.If a Player omitted from a Representative Match team (whose replacement is voided as a result) has a Qualifying Injury preventing them from taking their place in a Premier Cricket Competition team, the Club must make an application to the Permit Committee for a Replacement Player on the second day of the Match.

Explanatory Note: Although in most cases the original Player (who played on the first day of a Match) can be expected to be the Replacement Player, it is not possible to automatically void the replacement in this situation, as the "original" Player may not be available to continue in the Match and the Permit Committee must ensure the injury meets the requirements for a Qualifying Injury.

295. Any Replacement Player(s), and the Player(s) whom they replace, must be clearly identified on the Team Sheet prior to the start of the relevant Match. The Team Sheet must be clearly amended and marked to identify any Replacement Player and any Player(s) replaced. Amendments to the Team Sheet must be signed by both captains and an Umpire, and the date and time of such change clearly included (responsibility vests in the captain of the team whose Player is being replaced). The only responsibilities of Umpires will be to sign all Team Sheet changes as required under these By-Laws (after ensuring the date, time and captains' signatures are in place) and to report any occurrences known or reported to them of a Player playing without the required procedures being followed.

#### **Unavailability not Known or Anticipated Prior to a Match**

296. If/where a Replacement Player is not included on the Team Sheets exchanged before the toss on the first day's play of a relevant Match, a Club may apply to the Permit Committee for approval and a Permit for a Replacement Player to address a Player's unavailability where:

296.1.the Player concerned was promoted to a Representative Match team where they were not selected in the previous Representative Match of the same type;

296.2.the Player concerned was omitted from selection in the previous Representative Match of the same type;

296.3. the Representative Match team concerned had not played a Representative Match earlier in the same season;

296.4. the Player concerned suffered a Qualifying Injury after the commencement of play on the first day of the Representative Match;

296.5. there was a late and unanticipated change to an Exam or independent school match fixture, or a change in selection(s) for an independent school team, occurring after commencement of play on the first day of the relevant Match.

297. If/where any Replacement Player Permit is granted by the Permit Committee prior to commencement of play on the second day of the relevant Match, the Team Sheet must be clearly amended and marked to identify any Replacement Player and any Player(s) replaced. Amendments to the Team Sheet must be signed by both captains and an Umpire, and the date and time of such change clearly included (responsibility vests in the captain of the team whose Player is being replaced). The only responsibilities of Umpires will be to sign all Team Sheet changes as required under these By-Laws (after ensuring the date, time and captains' signatures are in place) and to report any occurrences known or reported to them of a Player playing without the required procedures being followed.

298. The right of a captain to nominate a substitute fielder, rather than make application for a Replacement Player, remains unaffected.

#### **REPLACEMENT PLAYER APPROVAL AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

299. Unless otherwise specified in this Part 12, any application for a Permit for any Replacement Player(s) must be notified in writing in the prescribed form to the Manager - Premier Cricket within forty-eight (48) hours of the event giving rise to the application, indicating the Replacement Player(s), the replaced Player(s) and all consequential replacements in lower grades. Details pertaining to recent Match performances, Match status/situation and the rationale for the application must also be provided.

300. Any application for a Permit for a Replacement Player must in any event be lodged by no later than 12:30pm on the last Business Day prior to the second day's play in the relevant Match.

301. If/where any application is lodged after 12:30pm on the last Business Day prior to the second day's play in the relevant Match, it will only be considered if it is lodged within two (2) hours of the need for a replacement becoming known to the Club (and the Club making the application must satisfy the Manager - Premier Cricket that this condition has been met). A late Replacement Player application may be accepted at the Premier Cricket Coordinator discretion, depending on the circumstances causing delay. No late applications will be permitted, accepted for consideration or granted for Major Round Matches and Minor Round two (2) day Matches played on consecutive days (e.g. Saturday/Sunday etc.).

302. If/where any application is based on a Qualifying Injury, the relevant required confirmations for that Qualifying Injury must be submitted with the application. If/where it is not possible for a member of the SACA panel of doctors and/or physiotherapists to provide the required confirmation within the specified timeframe, the Permit Committee may make a provisional decision based on an acceptable confirmation being received by the Manager - Premier Cricket not later than two (2) hours prior to the commencement of the second day's play in the relevant Match.

303. Each Replacement Player application must be for a like type of player to the Player being replaced and the application must be signed by the Secretary or other authorised officer of the Club concerned.
304. In considering whether to grant or refuse a Replacement Player Permit, a material and primary consideration will be whether it would be a “like for like” replacement. Subject to that consideration, the Permit Committee will also consider:
- 304.1. the current status and situation of the Match, including whether the Replacement Player will bat, bowl or keep wicket; and
- 304.2. the Replacement Player’s ability in each category relative to the replaced Player
- and the Permit Committee may place restrictions on the participation of the Replacement Player, having regard to these or other factors, as it considers relevant or appropriate, at its discretion.
305. If a Permit application is submitted so late that it is impossible to arrange a quorum of the Permit Committee (even by telephone), the Manager - Premier Cricket will determine if the circumstances justify the late application. If so, the Manager – Premier Cricket will inform the Chairperson of the Permit Committee (or their nominee) and any other members of the Permit Committee whom they are able to contact. The Chairperson, those members of the Permit Committee able to be contacted and the Manager - Premier Cricket will then make a determination on whether to grant or refuse that Permit.
306. If the Permit Committee subsequently finds that any Permit was granted based on inaccurate, misleading or incomplete information provided about any Player(s) concerned, the Match status or situation or that the application was clearly not within the requirements of this Part 12, the Permit Committee may retrospectively revoke a Replacement Player Permit. Given the potential for retrospective revocation, Clubs should exercise particular caution and care when submitting applications (especially late applications).
307. Where consequential replacements are required in other grades, Permit Committee decisions can be particularly time-consuming. Clubs should therefore allow maximum possible time for the Permit Committee to consider any Permit application and should ensure that all relevant information regarding potential Replacement Players is provided to the Permit Committee.

## **NOTIFICATION**

308. If/where any Replacement Player Permit is granted, the relevant Club must notify the other Club and the Officials for the relevant Match of the Permit grant and the Replacement Player and must ensure that the other Club is aware.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE**

309. In the event of any Player playing in a Match without a Replacement Player Permit granted under this Part 12, this will constitute a breach of the By-Laws and the provisions of By-Laws 234 and 235 (Unqualified Players) will apply (and in the event of any deliberate breach, By-Law 238 may apply).
310. In exceptional circumstances, where participation of a Player without a Permit is entirely inadvertent and the Permit Committee does not consider the relevant Club involved to have been negligent in failing to comply with these By-Laws or any other applicable procedures notified to the Club(s), the Permit Committee may determine that a fine will be imposed.

311. Failure by a Club to adhere to the required procedures following the grant of a Replacement Player Permit not resulting in the Permit being invalidated may be dealt with by the Permit Committee. The Permit Committee may impose a fine of up to \$200.00 for a Club's first offence in any two-year period and a fine of \$500.00 for any subsequent offences of the Club. Any fine imposed on a Club by the Permit Committee under this By-Laws will be subject to review by the Premier Cricket Committee.

### **REPLACEMENT PLAYER DISPUTES**

312. Any dispute(s) in relation to Replacement Players or any Replacement Player Permit must be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee for resolution and a final determination.

313. In the event of a dispute being referred to the Premier Cricket Committee, any member of the Premier Cricket Committee who has a conflict (including by reason of being a member of the Permit Committee or being associated with a relevant affected Club), that member of the Premier Cricket Committee must excuse themselves from any determination of such a dispute.

314. If there is insufficient time for the Premier Cricket Committee to resolve or otherwise determine any dispute referred to it under Part 12, the Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee (or Deputy Chairperson if the matter involves the Chairperson's Club) will have the power to make a final determination. In the event the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson has a conflict of interest, the Chairperson may appoint another member (or members) of the Premier Cricket Committee (without any conflict of interest) to make a final determination.

## **PART 13 - THE COMPETITION**

### **GRADES**

315. Teams competing in the Premier Cricket Competition will be divided into the following grades (unless otherwise determined by the Premier Cricket Committee):

315.1. Men's (Senior):

- (a) West End 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Divisions 1 and 2);
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade;
- (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade;
- (d) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade;

315.2. Junior:

- (a) Under 17;
- (b) Under 15.5;
- (c) Under 14;
- (d) Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield);

315.3. Women's:

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; and
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

316. Junior grades will be considered lower grades than Senior grades.

317. The relevant competitions and formats in which each grade will participate will be as determined by the Premier Cricket Committee from time to time.

#### **Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1, Division 2 and SACA Under 19**

318. The Men's Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will comprise two (2) divisions, being Division 1 and Division 2, where:

318.1. Division 1 will consist of eight (8) teams; and

318.2. Division 2 will consist of six (6) teams.

319. A SACA Under 19 team will compete in Division 2 in the Men's Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Grade but will not be eligible for promotion to Division 1.

320. At the conclusion of a season, the bottom two (2) teams in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 and the two (2) Grand Final teams in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1. If the SACA Under 19 team plays in the Division 2 Grand Final, the team finishing third (3<sup>rd</sup>) in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1.

#### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

##### **Minor Round**

##### ***Playing Across Grades***

321. A Player is not eligible to play in the Minor Round in a grade which is more than one grade lower than that in which they played in their previous Match in the current season, unless they have a Permit granted by the Permit Committee. This requirement also applies to a Player moving to a lower grade due to any Replacement Player under Part 12 of these By-Laws.

322. A Player in a team in a higher grade which has a scheduled bye may not play in a lower grade on the weekend of the scheduled bye if that Player played in a higher grade in their previous Match in the current season, unless they have a Permit granted by the Permit Committee. A Club must also submit a phantom team if it has a lower grade team playing in that round. The SACA Premier Cricket Co-ordinator must inform the opposition Club of any Permit granted.

323. Teams which have a scheduled bye in higher grades may move Players with an underage qualification from that grade to Junior grades without requiring a Permit from the Permit Committee.

##### ***Female Cricketers – Junior (Boy's) Grades***

324. A female cricketer may be eligible to play in, Junior (Boy's) Grades as follows:

324.1. Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield): female Players up to Under 15;

324.2. Under 14: female Players up to Under 16;

324.3. Under 15.5: female Players up to Under 17;

324.4. Under 17: female Players up to Under 19,  
without requiring a Permit.

### ***Playing Constraints***

325. No Player will be permitted to play in any two (2) Premier Cricket Competition Men's or Women's grades or any two (2) competitions within the Premier Cricket Competition in any given week (being a Saturday to the following Friday), except in the West End One-Day Cup, Men's West End Twenty20 Cup and Under 17 competitions or as Replacement Players as provided for in these By-Laws.
326. A female Player must apply for and obtain a Permit to play in the Men's and Women's competition in the same week. Any such Permit (if granted) may be granted by the Permit Committee for a Match, series of Matches or a season.

### **Major Round**

327. Player eligibility and qualification (and any applicable Permit requirements) for the Major Round are addressed in Part 14 of these By-Laws.

## **PROGRAM / FIXTURES**

### **Program of Matches**

328. The Program Committee will prepare the Program before each season commences. The Program must be approved by the Premier Cricket Committee.
329. Following Premier Cricket Committee approval, changes to the Program may be made pursuant to the following procedures:
- 329.1. the Premier Cricket Committee may alter the date or ground of any individual Match;
  - 329.2. the Program Committee may alter the date or ground of any individual Match or may if it so decides recommend such change to the Premier Cricket Committee; and
  - 329.3. where a Club requests a change to any round of Matches, the Club requesting the change must consult with the other Club involved in the Match(es) before making such request.
330. In grades below 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, the Manager – Premier Cricket and the Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee may make such change if it is unreasonable for the entire Premier Cricket Committee to endorse such a change given the time available for the decision and the relative importance of the decision.
331. Should a change to an entire round of Matches be required in any grade, such a change may be made by the Program Committee if only grades below 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are involved. Changes involving 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades may normally be made only by the Premier Cricket Committee and the Program Committee may only make such change if it is impractical (in the opinion of the Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee) to refer the matter to the Premier Cricket Committee.
332. A change of date/grounds for an entire round of Matches in a grade may be made even if the first day of all Matches in a grade in a round has already been abandoned.

## **Twenty20**

333. The Twenty20 Double Header fixture may provide for two (2) Twenty20 Matches to be scheduled after each other on the same day. These may be:

333.1. the same two (2) Clubs competing against each other in each Match;

333.2. two (2) different Clubs competing against each other in each Match; or

333.3. two (2) single fixtures comprising different teams/Clubs competing across two (2) grades.

## **Minor Round**

334. The teams in each grade will, except where otherwise determined by the Premier Cricket Committee, play Matches in the Minor Round in the order shown in tables prepared for the appropriate number of teams.

## **Two-Day (Saturday/Sunday) Matches – Rescheduling**

335. For scheduled two day Matches, if the first day is abandoned but play is possible on the second day, then the Match will become a one-day limited overs Match.

336. For any rescheduled Match, no Player who played in a higher grade in the preceding Match (or who is playing in a higher grade Match in progress) may play in the rescheduled Match unless they have a Permit granted by the Permit Committee.

## **Major Round**

337. For Men's West End 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (noting Divisions 1 and 2 will be treated separately for the purposes of this By-Law), 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, Junior Under 17, Under 15.5 and Under 14 Grades and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, fifty percent (50%) (rounded down) of the number of teams in the relevant competition leading on points at the completion of the Minor Round of Matches for that competition will compete in a Major Round to decide the premiership for that grade and competition as follows:

337.1. Semi-Final – 5 or less team competition: None;

337.2. Semi-Final – 6 or 7 team competition: 2 v 3;

337.3. Semi-Finals – 8 or more team competition: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3;

337.4. Final – 5 or less teams: 1 v 2;

337.5. Final – 6 or 7 team competition: 1 v Winner of Semi-Final; and

337.6. Final – 8 or more team completion: Winners of Semi-Finals.

338. If two (2) or more teams are equal on points at the end of the Minor Round, the team with the higher quotient will occupy the higher relative position (refer to By-Law 365 for the method of determining the quotient).

339. If a preliminary final has been programmed in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, the four (4) teams leading on points at the completion of the Minor Round will compete in a Major Round as follows:

339.1. First Semi-Final: 3 v 4;

339.2. Second Semi-Final: 1 v 2;

339.3.Preliminary Final: Loser of Second Semi-Final v Winner of First Semi-Final; and

339.4.Grand Final: Winner of Secon Semi-Final v Winner of Preliminary Final.

#### **Men's West End One-Day Cup, Twenty20 Cup and Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield)**

340. For Men's West End One-Day Cup, Twenty20 Cup and Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) either four (4) or eight (8) teams (as determined by the Premier Cricket Committee each year) leading on points at the completion of the Minor Round of Matches will compete in a Major Round to decide the premiership as follows:

340.1.if eight (8) teams qualify for the Major Round, Quarter-Finals will be played: 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6 and 4 v 5;

340.2.if two (2) or more teams are equal on points at the end of the Minor Round, the team with the higher NRR will occupy the higher relative position;

340.3.if Quarter-Finals are played in the Major Round, they will be played: 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6 and 4 v 5;

340.4.Semi-Finals will be played: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 if no Quarter-Finals are played or if Quarter-Finals are played Semi-Finals will be the highest ranked winner versus the lowest ranked winner (Semi-Final 1) and second highest ranked winner versus the third highest ranked winner (Semi-Final 2); and

340.5.Grand Final: Winner of Semi-Final 1 v winner Semi-Final 2

and in each case the higher ranked team will be the designated Home Team.

341. Should the relevant Program include finals qualification teams not referenced above, the Premier Cricket Committee will determine any Quarter-Finals Matches.

#### **Other Grades**

342. For all grades except the Men's West End One-Day Cup and Men's and Women's Twenty20 Cups:

342.1.if a first innings win is not achieved within the times allowed due to the Match being abandoned, or if a tie occurs in a Major Round Match, then the team finishing higher on the premiership table at the end of the Minor Round will be declared the winner;

342.2.if the Grand Final Match is drawn or abandoned, the team finishing higher on the premiership table will be declared the winner; and

342.3.if a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Preliminary-Final has been played, the winner of the second Semi-Final will be considered the higher placed team.

#### **Men's West End One-Day Cup, Men's Twenty20 Cup and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Twenty20 Cup**

343. If a result is not achieved due to the Match being abandoned in the Grand Final, wherever feasible the Match will be played on the reserve date scheduled by the Program Committee. No further reserve dates will be scheduled. Should the Grand-Final ultimately not proceed, the highest-ranked team will be declared the winner.

344. If a tie occurs in the Grand Final (after all "One Eliminators" are completed), the two (2) teams will be declared joint winners of the relevant competition.

## **FORFEITS**

345. Should a Club be forced (or deemed) to Forfeit in one (1) or more of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades due to a lack of Players, then all teams of that Club in lower grades (to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) in the same round will also be deemed to have Forfeited, unless the Premier Cricket Committee determines otherwise. If a team Forfeits for other reasons (including, without limitation, for example, the team refuse to play under the Laws of Cricket), subsequent Forfeits in lower grades will not apply.
346. Any team Forfeiting a Match may have a fine imposed by the Premier Cricket Committee, at its discretion, as follows:
- 346.1. Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, West End One-Day Cup and West End Twenty20 Cup: \$400.00;
- 346.2. Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: \$300.00;
- 346.3. Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: \$200.00;
- 346.4. Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Junior Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14 and Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) Grades: \$100.00;
- 346.5. Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: \$400.00; or
- 346.6. Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: \$150.00,
- provided that the total fines for a Club in any round of Matches (excluding West End Cup Matches) do not exceed an amount of \$400.00.
347. If a team in the Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14 and/or Under 13 - Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) Grade competitions Forfeits three (3) Matches prior to Christmas, that team may continue in the relevant competition but will no longer receive premiership points for Matches played. Premiership points will not be allocated for any Forfeited Matches. Points allocated for Matches played or Forfeited are to be removed from the points total.

## **PITCH USAGE - MATCH DAYS**

348. For Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades and the West End One-Day Cup, no other Matches, including Junior Matches, may be played on the same pitch on the same day or the day prior to such a Match, unless approved by the Program Committee.
349. No trial Matches may be played on a pitch on the same day as, and prior to, any Match played under these By-Laws in any grade.
350. Any Club found to be in breach of By-Laws 348 or 349 may be fined \$100.00 at the discretion of the Premier Cricket Committee, payable as specified by the Premier Cricket Committee.

## PREMIERSHIP (MATCH) POINTS

### Points Awarded

351. The following points will be awarded in all Minor Round Matches in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:

First innings win, no further result	20 points
First innings loss, no further result	0 points
First innings tie, no further result	10 points each
Outright win after first innings win	30 points
Outright loss after first innings win	20 points
Outright win after first innings loss	10 points
Outright win after first innings tie	20 points
Outright loss after first innings tie	10 points
Outright tie after first innings win	25 points
Outright tie after first innings loss	5 points
Outright tie after first innings tie	15 points each
Abandoned match - 2 day match	5 points each
Abandoned match - 1 day match	10 points each
Drawn match	5 points

352. The following points will be awarded in all Minor Round Matches in all Grades (except those specified in By-Laws 351 and 353):

First innings win, no further result	15 points
First innings loss, no further result	0 points
First innings tie, no further result	7.5 points each
Outright win after first innings win	25 points
Outright win after first innings loss	10 points
Outright loss after first innings win	15 points
Outright win after first innings tie	12.5 points
Outright loss after first innings tie	7.5 points
Outright tie after first innings win	15 points
Outright tie after first innings loss	5 points
Outright tie after first innings tie	10 points each

Abandoned match 7.5 points each

Drawn match 7.5 points

353. The following points will be awarded in all Minor Round Matches if points ratio is being used to determine ladder positions in Men's West End One-Day Cup, Men's West End Twenty20, Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades and Junior Twenty20:

Win 15 points

Tie 7.5 points each

Loss 0 points

Abandoned match 0 points

Drawn match 0 points

### **Points ratio**

354. Points ratio will be used for any competition or grade that has an uneven number of games in the Minor Round. For the purposes of calculation:

354.1. a team's premiership points will be determined by dividing the points obtained by the number of Matches played;

354.2. for all Matches in which a result is achieved (i.e. a win or a tie), that Match will count as a Match played for the teams playing in it; and

354.3. for any Matches where a result is not achieved (i.e. abandoned or a bye round), that Match will not count as a Match played for the teams playing or the team with a bye.

### **Forfeits**

355. A Forfeit will take effect as a win for the team receiving the Forfeit.

356. For Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, any team, upon receiving a Forfeit in a Match, will be awarded the maximum number of Match points gained by any team of the same grade in the same round of Matches. (Refer to By-Law 345 for consequent Forfeits in lower grades and to By-Law 345 for fines that may be imposed).

357. For Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14, Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, any team upon receiving a Forfeit in a Match will be awarded the maximum number of Match points gained by any team of the same grade in the same round of Matches.

358. For Men's West End One-Day Cup and West End Twenty20 Cup, 15 points will be awarded to a team receiving a Forfeit.

### **Drawn Matches**

359. In two-day Matches in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, a drawn Match will occur:

359.1. where no other result has been achieved and a total of two and a half (2.5) hours or less playing time has been lost due to ground, pitch, weather or light conditions; or

359.2.in all other cases, where no other result has been achieved.

360. In calculating scheduled playing time lost for the purposes of By-Law 359, the following formula will be adopted and apply: Total scheduled playing time (in original two-day Match) prior to the scheduled or rescheduled conclusion of play on each day less actual playing time. Time between innings will be considered playing time.

### **Tied Matches**

361. Law 16.4 of the Laws of Cricket will apply to tied Matches.
362. In Matches in which both teams have had the opportunity of batting for the scheduled number of overs, the team scoring the higher number of runs will be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result will be a tie and no account will be taken of the number of wickets which have fallen.
363. In all West End One Day Cup, West End Twenty20 Cup and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade One Day and Twenty20 Matches scheduled as Finals Matches (Quarter Final, Semi-Final or Grand Final Matches) in the event of a tie, a so-called "Super Over" will be played (refer to the Playing Conditions for the meaning of, and rules relating to, a "Super Over").

### **MINOR ROUND POSITIONS**

364. The relative positions of teams in each grade will be determined by the aggregate of premiership (Match) points and will also be subject to the team quotient where applicable.
365. If two (2) or more teams gain the same number of points, their relative positions will be determined by quotient. For the purposes of ascertaining the quotient the following system will be adopted:
- 365.1.the batting average for a team will be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost;
- 365.2.the batting average against a team will be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by the total number of wickets taken;
- 365.3.the former will be divided by the latter, and the team having the higher quotient will be considered to have the better performance.
366. In the Men's West End One-Day Cup, Men's West End Twenty20, Under 17, Junior Twenty20 and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Men's 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Twenty20 competitions, the premiership points for each team will be determined in accordance with By-Laws 351 to 353, as applicable to the relevant grade and competition.
367. In the Men's West End One-Day Cup, Men's West End Twenty20, Under 17, Junior Twenty20 and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Twenty20, Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (if all Minor Round Matches are 1 day limited over Matches) and Men's 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Twenty20 competitions, if two (2) or more teams gain the same number of premiership points, their relative positions will be determined by NRR, including as follows:
- 367.1.in a Match which does not achieve a result, the scores are ignored for run rate purposes; and

367.2. if a team is all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its NRR will be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

## **DRESS STANDARDS AND ATTIRE**

368. All Players and Umpires participating in Matches arranged by SACA must be properly attired and must comply with the Playing Conditions and By-Laws 369 to 378, as/where applicable.
369. Players' shirts, trousers (full length), pullovers, hats and footwear must comply with the Playing Conditions.
370. Club or other motifs approved by SACA may be worn on shirts, pullovers, helmets and hats.
371. In all Matches in all grades and competitions, caps, if worn, must be the cap of the Club for which the Player is playing.
372. Helmets must be white or the predominant colour of the cap of the Club for which the Player is playing and must not display State or other representative team logos. If a Club does not have a clear predominant cap colour, the Club must nominate a single colour for all non-white helmets used by players of that Club for approval by the Premier Cricket Committee.
373. Recovery compression sports clothing may be worn underneath a Players' shirt and/or trousers. White or cream coloured recovery compression clothing must be worn if protruding from a shirt.
374. Wicket-keeping gloves must comply with Law 27.2 of the Laws of Cricket.
375. Boots or shoes with flat, rubber or multi-studded nipple soles (forward of the heel) are prohibited in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades and West End One-Day Cup and West End Twenty20 Cup matches. Only boots or shoes with metal sprigs (half or full sole) will be permitted. Shoes with both metal sprigs and rubber nipples on the front half of the shoe are permitted, provided the metal sprigs are longer than the nipples. The Premier Cricket Committee may waive this requirement for individual Players in extraordinary circumstances.
376. Players in the West End Senior Men's competition will:
- 376.1. wear the West End Logo as notified by SACA from year-to-year on the front of the two (2) day white playing shirt on the right-hand breast and may opt to wear an additional West End logo on the back of the shirt 5cm below the collar;
- 376.2. wear the West End logo as notified by SACA from year-to-year on the front of the one (1) day coloured playing shirt on the right-hand breast and an additional West End logo on the back of the shirt 5cm below the collar.
377. Players in the junior grades will wear the logo as notified by SACA from year-to-year on the front right-hand breast of the playing shirt.
378. Teams playing in Women's Twenty20 Matches may elect to wear coloured batting and wicket-keeping pads that are the predominant colour of the relevant Club cap. If a team elects to wear coloured pads, each Player must wear the same colour.
379. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure strict compliance with By-Laws 369 to 378 and the Playing Conditions relating to dress standards and attire.

380. Umpires must include in their match report all breaches of By-Laws 369 to 378 or the Playing Conditions relating to dress standards and attire (including, without limitation, any breach of Law 27.2 of the Laws of Cricket, wicket-keeping gloves), together with the names of the offending Players. All breaches will incur a fine of \$50.00 payable by the Club for which the Player plays, unless the Premier Cricket Committee waives any such fine at its discretion (e.g. due to exceptional circumstances, following a waiver request from the relevant Club involved citing mitigating exceptional circumstances).

## **HITTING UP**

381. Teams are required to observe ground authority regulations and to exercise the utmost care and caution when engaging in practice and pre-match warm-up and “hitting-up” activities so as to avoid the risk of injury to members of the public, damage to the centre wicket region and to perimeter fencing.

## **PART 14 - PLAYING CONDITIONS: MAJOR ROUND**

382. In addition to the By-Laws in this Part 14 relating to the Major Round for the Premier Cricket Competition, the Playing Conditions will also apply to Major Round Matches (except where otherwise specified or overridden within this Part 14).

### **QUALIFICATION FOR MAJOR ROUND MATCHES**

#### **Qualification Requirements**

383. All Players must be duly qualified, or hold any required Permit, to be eligible to play in the Major Round and any Finals Match(es).
384. Any Club team including a Player who is not duly qualified, or who does not hold any required Permit, will:
- 384.1. be in breach of the By-Laws;
  - 384.2. lose (Forfeit) the Match in which such a Player takes part (and By-Law 268 will apply); and
  - 384.3. the relevant Club may be subject to other penalty under these By-Laws at the Premier Cricket Committee’s discretion, in accordance with its powers under By-Law 15.
385. A Player of a Club, other than a Player who has played in Representative Matches, will not be eligible to play in a Final Series or any Finals Matches unless the Player has played three Matches or more with the Club during the current season or the Permit Committee otherwise provides its approval in special circumstances at its discretion (for example a return from a long-term injury) and grants a Permit. For the purposes of this By-Law:
- 385.1. if a Player misses rounds of the Premier Cricket Competition because they have been selected to play for a national or State representative team (including under-age or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams), they will be deemed to have played such rounds only after their registration has been finalised in the same grade as that in which they last played, prior to missing such rounds;

385.2. whenever a Player plays in a Match under By-Laws 321 to 323, they will be deemed to have played the entire Match in the higher grade; and

385.3. Matches played in the West End One Day Cup or Twenty20 Cup competitions will not count towards eligibility for Finals Matches.

386. A Player, unless granted a Permit by the Permit Committee, will not be eligible to play in a Final Series:

386.1. in a lower grade if the number of Matches played by that Player in that grade or a lower grade is less than the aggregate of Matches played by the Player in higher grades during the Minor Round Matches;

386.2. in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade if the Player has played in more than two (2) Matches in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade during the Minor Round Matches and in any Finals Matches during that season; or

386.3. in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade if the Player has played in more than two (2) Matches in 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade during the Minor Round Matches and in any Finals Matches during that season.

If the aggregate of Matches in lower grades is the same as the aggregate in a higher grade in Minor Round Matches, the Player will be eligible to play in the lower grade Finals Match.

387. Any Player having played with a lower grade in a Finals Match will be deemed eligible to play in that grade for the remainder of the Finals Series.

388. A Permit is not required where a Club has teams playing in the same Finals Match round in the same week in all higher grades in the same competition (i.e. Men's Senior Grades, Junior Grades and Women's Grades).

389. Women's One Day Matches and Women's Twenty20 Matches will be treated separately for qualification purposes.

390. Matches played for the SACA Under 19 team in Division 2 during the Minor Round will be considered and treated as Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Matches played for the Player's Club for the purposes of eligibility for Finals Matches.

391. If the SACA Under 19 team is not playing in Men's Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 2 due to a bye or not having qualified for Finals Matches, SACA Under 19 Players will be eligible to play for their relevant Club in Finals Matches.

### **Permit to Play in a Lower Grade**

392. Unless otherwise specified in this Part 14, a Permit will be required from the Permits Committee for a Player to play in a lower grade in the Major Round.

393. If a Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are both in the Final Series, a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Player may obtain a Permit to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (and the same principle will apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades).

394. The Permit Committee will only consider granting a Permit to play in a lower grade in a Finals Match where:

394.1. an applications seeking permission to play a Player has been made in writing in the prescribed form and submitted to Manager – Premier Cricket for referral to the Permit Committee;

394.2. any Permit application must clearly set out the details of the Player's performances in all Matches (in all grades) during the season and the reasons why that Player was selected in a higher grade or grades; and

394.3. any Permit application has been lodged with SACA including all required information no later than 5:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the relevant Match.

395. Any late Permit applications will be received and considered entirely at the discretion of the Permit Committee, or its Chairperson, either of whom may decline to issue a Permit or hear any application if time makes this impractical and/or there are no extenuating circumstances justifying late submission of the application. Under no circumstances will an application be heard or granted after the exchange of team lists between the captains has occurred.

396. If a Permit application is denied, the Club may submit a further application (for a different Player), subject to the application requirements and timeframe and late application provisions in By Laws 394 and 395.

397. Where the Program includes a Preliminary-Final in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, if the Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team wins the Second Semi-Final and will be playing in Grand Finals in other grades, no Player who plays in any of those Grand Finals may play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Grand Final, except with the permission of the Permit Committee in proven exceptional circumstances, where a Player has become unavailable for unanticipated reasons.

#### **WEST END ONE DAY CUP AND TWENTY20 FINALS**

398. To be eligible for West End One Day Cup and West End Twenty20 Cup finals a Player must have played at least two (2) Minor Round Matches for their Club in the current season in the Men's Two Day, West End One Day Cup or West End Twenty20 Cup competitions (or a combination of these). This By-Law will not be enforced for Players also playing in Representative Matches if they are available for Finals Matches.

#### **USE OF COVERS**

##### **Major Round Matches – All Grades**

399. Covers will be used in accordance with the Playing Conditions.

400. When a Match requiring the use of covers is programmed at a ground managed by SACA (e.g, Adelaide Oval, Adelaide Oval No. 2 or Karen Rolton Oval Park 25), SACA will arrange for the provision of covers and a sponge water-removing roller for the Match.

401. The Clubs playing in each Match will be responsible for coordinating with the ground authority for access to, and use of, covers in compliance with the Playing Conditions.

402. The Home Team (finishing higher ranked at completion of the Major Round) will be responsible for compliance with the Playing Conditions for the Match (and preceding the Match).

##### **Reporting Alleged Non-Compliance / Breach**

403. In the event of any failure to comply with By-Laws 399 to 402 (as/where applicable), any Club and/or any Umpire aware of any such non—compliance will be responsible for reporting the breach to the Manager – Premier Cricket as soon as practicable and in any event no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the scheduled end of that day's play in the Match.

404. Umpires must report any alleged material failure to comply with By-Laws 399 to 402, even though they themselves may have no direct evidence of a breach.
405. The following procedures will apply in the event of an alleged non-compliance with By-Laws 399 to 402:
- 405.1. if the Manager – Premier Cricket and the Chairperson of the Premier Cricket Committee (or the Deputy Chairperson, if the Chairperson's Club is involved), agree that the matter is insignificant, the alleged breach will be disregarded, other than being reported upon at the next scheduled Premier Cricket Committee meeting; or
- 405.2. in all other cases, the alleged breach will be referred to the Grounds Tribunal under Part 7 of these By-Laws for a determination.

## **MATCH MANAGERS**

406. The Manager – Premier Cricket may appoint one (1) or more Match Managers for the Major Round in all grades and competitions played under these By-Laws.
407. The duties of the Match Manager(s) may include assisting Umpires in the smooth and efficient conduct of Matches and in achieving consistency in the interpretation, application and enforcement of Major Round Match Playing Conditions.

## **PART 15 – RECORDS AND RECOGNITION**

### **TEAM LISTS**

408. Each Club must list the names of the Players selected by that Club in each of its Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teams in each round of Matches in which that Club is playing and each list must be published on PlayHQ prior to 5:00pm on the Friday preceding the commencement of each Match.
409. In the event any Club breaches By-Law 408, the following penalties will apply:
- 409.1. in the case of the first offence in a season, an official warning;
- 409.2. in the case of a second offence in that same season, a fine of \$20.00; and
- 409.3. in the case of a third and any further subsequent offence(s) in that same season, a fine of \$50.00 for each offence.
410. The Premier Cricket Committee may waive or reduce any penalty under By-Law 409 at its discretion.

### **SCORING**

#### **Scoring Obligations**

411. Each Club should appoint a scorer for each grade in which a team of that Club is competing.
412. It is the duty of the scorer to attend throughout the relevant Match for which they are scoring and take a complete scoring record of the scores of such Match.

413. Scorers must sit adjacent to each other and regularly check the accuracy of the score sheets.
414. Scorers must ensure that the Umpires have noted the accuracy of the scores in the score books.
415. In Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, scorers must ensure that one scorer scores using PlayHQ (i.e. electronic scoring) and that one scorer scores using manual paper scoring to seek to ensure probity and security of match scores. For the purposes of this By-Law, paper scoring may involve either using a traditional "cricket score book" or "linier score sheet" ("running sheet"). Standard/common practice is for the home scorer to score using electronic scoring (live scoring on PlayHQ) and the visiting scorer to score using paper scoring.

### **Scoreboards**

416. In Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, Twenty20 and West End Cup limited overs competition Matches, each Home Club must provide a scoreboard throughout the relevant Match.
417. The scoreboard must be operated throughout any Match and the information on the scoreboard must be clearly visible from the pitch and must, as a minimum requirement, indicate runs, wickets down and overs bowled.
418. When a Match is played on a neutral ground, the responsibility for scoreboard operation must be arranged by the designated Home Team.
419. Umpires must report any breach of scoreboard requirements to the Manager-Premier Cricket.
420. If the same team is reported for a breach of scoreboard requirements three (3) times in one (1) season, the Club or Clubs in default will be fined the sum of \$50.00 for the third and for each subsequent breach.

### **MATCH REPORTS AND REPORTING – ALL GRADES**

#### **Procedure for Data Entry - PlayHQ**

421. Each Club in each grade competing in the Premier Cricket Competition must enter the names of the selected Players in each of their teams in PlayHQ prior to the commencement of the relevant Match.
422. The first named Club in the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will enter the result and full first day scorecard in PlayHQ no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the first day of a two-day Match.
423. For all other grades, the first named Club in each grade competing in the Premier Cricket Competition will enter the result of the Match in PlayHQ no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the relevant Match. If the away team wishes to enter the result of the Match, it may do so.
424. The Home Team and the away team will each enter the full scorecard for a Match for their respective teams in PlayHQ no later than forty-eight (48) hours following completion of the relevant match.
425. The second named team in each grade competing in the Premier Cricket Competition fixtures will review and either confirm or dispute the result and/or full scorecards in PlayHQ within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of the relevant Match.
426. In respect of all Premier Cricket Competition fixtures, if/where a team receives a Forfeit, the result will still be required to be entered in PlayHQ, together with the names of the selected Players.
427. In the event that any Club breaches By-Laws 421 to 426, the following penalties will apply:

- 427.1. In the case of the first offence in a season, an official warning;
- 427.2. In the case of a second offence in that same season, a fine of \$20.00; and
- 427.3. In the case of a third and any subsequent offence(s) in that same season, a fine of \$50.00 for each offence.

428. The Premier Cricket Committee may waive or vary any penalty under By-Law 427.

### **Captains' Reports**

- 429. The captain of each Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade team and of a team playing in any other Match as SACA may direct, must, within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of any Match, submit a report in the prescribed form in OfficialsHQ (or such other method notified by SACA from time to time) regarding the performance of the Umpires in that Match.
- 430. The manager or Coach of each Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade team and each Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14 and Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) Grade teams, after discussion with the team captain, must, within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of any Match, submit a report in the prescribed form in OfficialsHQ (or such other method notified by SACA from time to time) regarding the performance of the Umpires in that Match.

### **Suspect Bowling Action Reports**

- 431. The team captain may report to the officiating Umpires the name of any bowler in a Match whose action the captain considered suspect. Any such report must be referred by the Premier Cricket Coordinator to the Premier Cricket Committee for consideration.

### **Umpires' Match Reports**

- 432. The Umpires officiating at any Match, must, within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the Match, lodge with the Premier Cricket Coordinator a written report in the prescribed form in OfficialsHQ (or such other method notified by SACA from time to time) containing the following particulars:
  - 432.1. Match details, including the name of each scorer, Clubs, grade, date(s) and ground;
  - 432.2. comments relating to the conduct of the Match, Players, dress, ground and pitch conditions and any other remarks or observations an Umpire may think fit to report;
  - 432.3. the name of any bowler either Umpire or captain considers has a suspect bowling action; and
  - 432.4. any other information requested or required for the Match report form.

### **Reporting Requirements**

- 433. The Premier Cricket Committee may make regulations specifying the requirement(s) for and completion of any reports, their confidentiality or otherwise and the manner in which they are to be submitted. If a report is not submitted in accordance with any such regulations, the Club responsible will be penalised as follows:
  - 433.1. in the case of the first offence in a season, an official warning;
  - 433.2. in the case of a second offence in that same season, a fine of \$20.00; and

433.3.in the case of a third and any subsequent offence(s) in that same season, a fine of \$50.00 for each offence.

## **SACA RECORDS**

### **Men's Grades**

434. To entitle a Player to be recorded as having obtained the best batting average and aggregate for the season in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, the Player must have batted in at least six (6) innings, with a minimum aggregate of 400 runs. The relevant bowling qualification will be twenty (20) wickets. For 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade best aggregate, the batting qualification will be five (5) innings and 300 runs and the bowling qualification will be twenty (20) wickets. For 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, the batting qualification will be five (5) innings and 250 runs and the bowling qualification will be twenty (20) wickets.
435. In computing individual averages, a Player who does not take their place at the wicket will not be regarded or recorded as having batted. A batter who retires, whether owing to illness, or injury, or otherwise, will be regarded and recorded as "not out".
436. Any application for a ruling or other determination by the Premier Cricket Committee with respect to By-Laws 434 or 435 must be made in writing by the Player concerned, or by the Player's Club on the Player's behalf, within fourteen (14) days of completion of the Match in respect of which a ruling or other determination is sought.

### **Women's Grades**

437. To entitle a Player to be recorded as having obtained the best batting average and aggregate for the season in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, the Player must have batted in at least five (5) innings, with a minimum aggregate of 200 runs. The relevant bowling qualification will be fifteen (15) wickets. For 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade best aggregate, the batting qualification will be having played at least 40% of Matches in that grade and 150 runs and the bowling qualification will be ten (10) wickets.
438. In computing the individual averages, a Player who does not take their place at the wicket will not be regarded or recorded as having batted. A batter who retires, whether owing to illness, or injury, or otherwise, will be regarded and recorded as "not out".
439. Any application for a ruling or other determination by the Premier Cricket Committee with respect to By-Laws 437 or 438 must be made in writing by the Player concerned, or by the Player's Club on their behalf, within fourteen (14) days of completion of the Match in respect of which a ruling or other determination is sought.

## **TROPHIES, MEDALS AND AWARDS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Fielding Trophies**

#### ***Talbot Smith Fielding Trophy***

440. Umpires in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Matches must each lodge with the Premier Cricket Coordinator within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of any Match, their votes for the two (2) best fielders, excluding the wicket-keeper, in such Match, irrespective of whether such fielders are members of the same team. Five (5) points are awarded for the first choice, three (3) points for second choice. Umpires may bracket the two (2) names submitted as of equal merit, in which case four (4) points will be awarded to each Player. Votes should not be lodged for any Match in which less than fifty (50) overs play is possible unless at least one (1) innings (of one (1) team) is completed.

#### ***Joanne Broadbent Fielding Trophy***

441. Umpires in Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Matches must each lodge with the Premier Cricket Coordinator within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of any Match, their votes for the two (2) best fielders, excluding the wicket-keeper, in such Match, irrespective of whether such fielders are members of the same team. Five (5) points are awarded for the first choice, three (3) points for second choice. Umpires may bracket the two (2) names submitted as of equal merit, in which case four (4) points will be awarded to each Player. Votes should not be lodged for any Match in which less than fifty (50) overs play is possible unless at least one (1) innings (of one (1) team) is completed.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Wicket-Keeping Trophies**

#### ***C.W. Walker Memorial Trophies***

442. A trophy will be awarded annually for wicket-keeping performances in each of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade competitions (Men's and Women's). Each Umpire in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Matches will have ten (10) available votes for each wicketkeeper, with those votes to be allocated for the performance of the wicket-keepers in that Match. A score between zero (0) and ten (10) must be allocated to each wicket-keeper. Where a team uses more than one (1) wicket-keeper, Umpires should allocate their votes to the wicket-keeper who keeps wickets for that team during the majority of that Match, or, when necessary, should apportion the votes such that wicket-keepers of a team are collectively receiving a score out of ten (10). Umpires must lodge their votes with the Premier Cricket Coordinator within seventy-two (72) hours of completion of the relevant Match. No votes may be lodged where less than fifty (50) overs play has been possible in the Match, or at least one (1) innings (of one (1) team) has been completed.

### **Batting and Bowling and Memorial Trophies**

#### ***Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade***

443. A trophy will be awarded annually to each of the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Players having the best batting and bowling average at the completion of the Minor Round.

#### ***Craigie Memorial Trophies***

444. A trophy will be awarded annually to each of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Players having the best batting and bowling average at the completion of the Minor Round.

### ***LMS and GS Hargrave Trophy***

445. A trophy will be awarded annually to the most outstanding Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Player under the age of twenty-three (23) years (as at 1 January). Each Club will nominate its most outstanding young Player for the season and from those nominations the winner will be chosen by SACA Cricket Department personnel.

### ***West End Trophies***

446. A trophy will be awarded annually to each of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Players having the best batting and bowling aggregate at the completion of the Minor Round.

### ***West End Premier Cricket Rising Star – Jason Gillespie Medal***

447. One (1) Player who is under the age of nineteen (19) (as at 1 September) and having played less than twenty (20) 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Matches at the commencement of the current season, may be nominated as the Premier Cricket Rising Star at the completion of each 1<sup>st</sup> Grade round. The nomination will be determined by a panel comprising the SACA Under 19 Coach, the Premier Cricket Coordinator and the SACA Talent Manager (or other relevant SACA personnel in a similar role) and will be based on the individual's performance in that round. The selection criteria will include consideration of the likelihood that the Player will play first class cricket. A Premier Cricket Rising Star of the Year will be selected from those nominations by the same panel and the person selected will be awarded the Jason Gillespie Medal.

### ***Special Trophies – Women's Grades***

#### ***Dot Laughton Trophy***

448. A trophy will be awarded annually to a Player in their first or second season who displays cricket ability and also displays a positive club spirit. Each Club will nominate one (1) person for the trophy. The winner will be selected from those nominations by the SACA Cricket Department.

#### ***Fellows Award***

449. A trophy will be awarded annually to the most outstanding Club volunteer. Each Club will nominate one (1) person and from those nominations the winner will be selected by the SACA Cricket Department.

#### ***Women's Club Championship Award***

450. The aggregate points for the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teams of each Club will be added progressively and the Club having the highest aggregate of points at the completion of the Minor Round will be declared the Champion Club of the season and receive the Women's Club Championship Award.

### ***Premier Cricketer of the Year – Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Divisions 1 and 2***

#### ***The Bradman Medal***

451. The members of SACUSA will annually present an engraved medallion known as the "Bradman Medal" to the cricketer chosen as the "Premier Cricketer of the Year" in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1. Umpires will lodge votes for each Match played in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1 in each competition independently. The votes, on a 3-2-1 basis, are cast after each 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1 Match by each of the officiating Umpires. The criteria that govern this award comprise:

- 451.1. actual cricket ability displayed;
- 451.2. a Player's attitude towards the game; and
- 451.3. a Player's demeanour, behaviour and dress.

### ***The Sincock Medal***

452. The members of SACUSA will annually present an engraved medallion known as the "Sincock Medal" to the cricketer chosen as the "Premier Cricketer of the Year" in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 2. Umpires will lodge votes for each Match played in Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 2 in each competition independently. The votes, on a 3-2-1 basis, are cast after each 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1 Match by each of the officiating Umpires. The criteria that govern this award comprise:

- 452.1. actual cricket ability displayed;
- 452.2. a Player's attitude towards the game; and
- 452.3. a Player's demeanour, behaviour and dress.

### **Other Medals and Awards**

453. Similar awards on the same voting basis and criteria are made in the Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (KC Butler Medal), Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Sid Daly Medal), Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (McLeod/Wilson Medal), Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Karen Rolton Medal), Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Lyn Fullston Medal), Men's West End One-Day Cup (Fred Godson Medal) and Men's SACA Twenty20 Medal (Darren Lehmann Medal).
454. Where all teams do not play the same number of Matches in the Minor Round of the West End Cup, the Fred Godson Medal will be determined by dividing the total number votes each Player receives, by the number of Matches that Player's Club played in the Minor Round. The winner will be determined by the Player with the highest points per Match received in the Minor Round.

### **Team Award**

455. The Team Award will be awarded to the Club polling the highest aggregate points awarded by Umpires for the Bradman or Sincock Medals.

### **Club Championship - Scrymgour Trophy**

456. The aggregate points for the Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will be added progressively and the Club having the highest aggregate of points at the completion of the Minor Round will be declared the Champion Club of the season and receive the Scrymgour Trophy.

## **Spirit Of Cricket Awards**

457. Umpires in Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, Under 17, Under 15.5, Under 14 Grades, Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades must lodge with the Premier Cricket Coordinator within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of each Match votes in relation to the spirit of cricket. Only one (1) voting form will be used per Match, with Umpires allocating a score between zero (0) and fifteen (15). Trophies will be awarded annually as follows:

457.1. Men's West End Senior Grade Award - The aggregate points for the Men's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teams of each Club will be added progressively and the Club having the highest aggregate of points at the end of the Minor Round will be declared the winner.

457.2. Junior Grade Award - the aggregate points for the Junior Under 15.5, Under 14 Grade and Under 13 (Ray Sutton Shield) teams for each Club will be added progressively and the Club having the highest aggregate of points at the end of the Minor Round will be declared the winner.

457.3. Women's Grade Award - The aggregate points for the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teams for each Club will be added progressively and the Club having the highest aggregate of points at the end of the Minor Round will be declared the winner.

## **Player of the Match Awards**

### ***David Hookes Medal***

458. The David Hookes Medal will be awarded to the most outstanding Player in the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Grand Final. The winner will be selected by the officiating Umpires.

### ***Rob Zadow Medal***

459. The Rob Zadow Medal will be awarded to the most outstanding Player in the Men's West End One-Day Cup Grand Final. The winner will be selected by Rob Zadow or in his absence by the officiating umpires.

### ***Player of the Match Medal – Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Grand Final***

460. The Jill Kennare Medal will be awarded to the most outstanding Player in the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Grand Final. The winner will be selected by the officiating Umpires.

## **Voting for Awards and Medals**

461. Unless otherwise specified, votes for awards, medals and trophies are to be cast in all Matches in which fifty (50) overs or more play occurs, or in which at least one (1) innings (of one (1) team) is completed. If that criterion is not met, Umpires must submit a voting slip endorsed to that effect.

462. Umpires must lodge their votes with the Premier Cricket Coordinator within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the relevant Match.

## **Ineligibility**

463. No Player found guilty of a reportable offence committed in any grade prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Semi-Final Matches will be eligible to win any awards or medals in the season in which the offence is committed.

464. Any Club seeking that SACA adjudicate any dispute or complaint arising in connection with any Match must send a clear written statement of the matter or issue in dispute or of any complaint, in the case of a Club signed by the Secretary or in the case of a club other than a Club signed by a responsible officer, to the Manager – Premier Cricket, within five (5) days of any such dispute or complaint arising.
465. If/where the dispute or complaint involves the interpretation or application of a By-Law or a Law of Cricket, it will be referred to the By-Laws Committee pursuant to its powers under By-Law 68.
466. If/where the dispute or complaint involves a disciplinary matter, it may be referred to a Commissioner for determination in accordance with Part 5 of these By-Laws.
467. The dispute or complaint (together with any By-Laws Committee recommendation, if/where applicable) will otherwise be referred to the Premier Cricket Committee for consideration and determination, in accordance with its powers under By-Law 15 and under Part 9 of these By-Laws. The Premier Cricket Committee's decision will be final and binding (unless otherwise specified in respect of a particular matter).
468. In emergency or extraordinary circumstances, the matter may be dealt with under By-Law 37.

## PREMIER CRICKET CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials must:
  - 1.1 abide by this Code of Conduct; and
  - 1.2 abide by the Laws of Cricket, as amended from time to time.
2. Players, Coaches, Club Officials and Officials must not:
  - 2.1 assault or threaten or attempt to assault or interfere with an Umpire or other Official, a Player, Club Official, Coach or a spectator;
  - 2.2 react with unnecessary obvious dissent, displeasure or disapproval either towards an Umpire or other Official, their decision, or generally, following an umpiring decision;
  - 2.3 use Crude, offensive, insulting and/or abusive language, actions, gestures or hand or other signals or engage in conduct that is disparaging, demeaning, humiliating, intimidating, threatening, abusive or violent;
  - 2.4 engage in conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game; or
  - 2.5 engage in any racial, sexist, gender or sexuality based or any other discriminatory abuse, language, actions or activity.

The table below is part of the Code of Conduct and sets out guidance in relation to specific charges/offences (examples of misconduct) and relevant levels and potential penalty ranges. It is intended to be a guide and does not limit the discretion of the DEP or any Commissioner. Determinations will be based on an assessment of the specific factual circumstances and context (including nature, gravity, impacts and whether any incident or conduct forms part of a course of conduct).

### GUIDANCE TABLE

Item No.	Commentary
1.1	<p><b>Use by a Player of language, actions or gestures which disparages or demeans a Player, or has the capacity or potential to reasonably provoke an aggressive reaction from a Player, during or at a Match</b></p> <p>This may include (without limitation) any language, action or gesture used by a Player and directed towards another Player which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) could reasonably be considered to disparage or demean the Player; and/or</li> <li>(b) has the capacity or potential to reasonably provoke an aggressive reaction from the Player,</li> </ol> <p>regardless of whether the Player in fact feels disparaged or demeaned or reacts aggressively.</p> <p>This may include (without limitation) for example: (a) excessive celebration(s) directed at and/or in close proximity to a dismissed batter or pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion; (b) verbally abusing another Player; or (c) mocking a Player for making a mistake or poor performance.</p> <p>This is directed at more minor conduct and circumstances.</p> <p>For clarity, this is not intended to prevent or prohibit Players from celebrating in an appropriate fashion.</p>

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	<p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 below.</p>						
Level 1	✓ (Generally)						
Level 2	✓ (Potentially, depending on nature, intention, context and circumstances)						
Level 3	Not applicable						
Level 4	Not applicable						
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Excessive appealing during a Match</b>						
	<p>'Excessive' appealing may include (without limitation) for example: (a) repeated appealing of the same decision; (b) repeated appealing of a different decision or decisions when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out, with the intention of placing the Umpire under pressure; (c) charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive or intimidating manner when appealing; and/or (d) celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given by an Umpire.</p> <p>For clarity, this is not intended to prevent or prohibit loud or enthusiastic appealing.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>						
Level 1	✓ (Generally)						
Level 2	✓ (Potentially, depending on nature, intention, context and circumstances)						
Level 3	Not applicable						
Level 4	Not applicable						
<b>1.3A</b>	<b>Use of an audible obscenity (swearing) during a Match (audible off the ground)</b>						
	<p>This may include (without limitation) use of words commonly known or understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane (in any language) which would be audible or could be heard by spectators at the ground or is audible on the designated live streaming platform.</p> <p>By way of guidance:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 1429 1241 1621"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="236 1429 730 1496">Swearing due to physical pain or due to own injury</td> <td data-bbox="730 1429 1241 1496">Not misconduct</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="236 1496 730 1563">Swearing in frustration at one's own play or misfortune</td> <td data-bbox="730 1496 1241 1563">Level 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="236 1563 730 1621">Involuntary celebratory or excitable exclamation involving swearing</td> <td data-bbox="730 1563 1241 1621">Level 1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A more substantial level (Level 2) may apply where words used are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>highly offensive; and/or</li> <li>directed at another Player, Club Official, Club Representative, Umpire, Coach, SACA Official including, without limitation, when engaging in banter or used in a critical or disparaging manner (other than at one's own self).</li> </ol> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 below.</p>	Swearing due to physical pain or due to own injury	Not misconduct	Swearing in frustration at one's own play or misfortune	Level 1	Involuntary celebratory or excitable exclamation involving swearing	Level 1
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Level 1	✓ (Generally)								
Level 2	✓ (Potentially, depending on nature, intention, context and circumstances)								
Level 3	Not applicable								
Level 4	Not applicable								
<b>1.3B</b>	<b>Use of an audible obscenity (swearing) during a Match (audible on the ground)</b>								
	<p>This may include (without limitation) use of words commonly known or understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane (in any language) which would be audible or could be heard on the ground.</p> <p>By way of guidance:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Swearing due to physical pain or due to own injury</td> <td>Not misconduct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swearing in frustration at one's own play or misfortune</td> <td>Not misconduct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involuntary excitable or celebratory exclamation involving swearing</td> <td>Not misconduct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swearing / offensive words used and directed at another Player, Club Official, Club Representative, Umpire, Coach, SACA Official including, without limitation, when engaging in banter or used in a critical or disparaging manner (other than at one's own self).</td> <td>Level 1 or Level 2 (depending on circumstances)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 below.</p>	Swearing due to physical pain or due to own injury	Not misconduct	Swearing in frustration at one's own play or misfortune	Not misconduct	Involuntary excitable or celebratory exclamation involving swearing	Not misconduct	Swearing / offensive words used and directed at another Player, Club Official, Club Representative, Umpire, Coach, SACA Official including, without limitation, when engaging in banter or used in a critical or disparaging manner (other than at one's own self).	Level 1 or Level 2 (depending on circumstances)
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Level 1	✓ (Generally)								
Level 2	✓ (Potentially, depending on nature, intention, context and circumstances)								
Level 3	Not applicable								
Level 4	Not applicable								
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Disobeying an Umpire's or SACA Official's instruction or direction during a Match</b>								
	<p>This may include (without limitation) any repeated failure to comply with the instruction or direction of an Umpire or SACA Official (for example to cease or refrain from conduct or activity).</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>								
Level 1	✓ (Generally)								
Level 2	✓ (Potentially, depending on nature, intention, context and circumstances)								
Level 3	Not applicable								
Level 4	Not applicable								

Item No.	Commentary
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing or ground/facility equipment, fixtures and/or fittings during or at a Match</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) any action(s) outside of the course of normal cricket actions, such as hitting or kicking the wickets, fixtures or fittings (for example advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows etc), and may apply whether an action was deliberate (intentional), reckless, negligent or inadvertent.</p> <p>For clarity, damage, loss or injury is not necessary for a breach.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	✓ (Generally, if more minor in nature and/or inadvertent)
Level 2	✓ (By way of guidance, generally applies where conduct is deliberate or intentional or involves a higher level of aggression or force or otherwise depends on context or impact(s))
Level 3	✓ (Potentially, depending on nature, intention, context and circumstances)
Level 4	Not applicable (unless extreme circumstances)
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment including, without limitation, a bat, helmet or water bottle) at or near a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during or at a Match</b>
	<p>For clarity, this does not prevent or prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a team member when attempting a run out.</p> <p>When assessing the severity of any breach/offence, the following (non-exhaustive) factors may be considered and taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including (without limitation) whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) whether the ball/object struck the other person; (c) the relevant speed or force used; and/or (d) the relevant distance involved.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

Item No.	Commentary
<b>1.7</b>	<b>Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision during a Match</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) for example: (a) excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision; (b) an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; (c) shaking the head; (d) pointing or looking at the inside edge when given out 'lbw'; (e) pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when caught behind; (f) snatching the cap from the Umpire; (g) gesturing or requesting a referral to a "TV"/review Umpire (where there is none); and/or (h) arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about their decision.</p> <p>Any umpiring error (or perceived error) is not a defence.</p> <p>For clarity, this is not directed at punishing a batter showing their instinctive disappointment at their dismissal.</p> <p>When assessing the severity of any breach/offence, the following (non-exhaustive) factors may be considered and taken into account: (a) whether the conduct contains an element of anger, aggression or abuse that is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision; (ii) whether there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; and/or (c) whether there is repeated/persistent reference to the incident over time, as well as the nature, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ (By way of guidance, generally applies in the case of 'serious dissent', determined at the discretion of the DEP or any Commissioner)
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable
<b>1.8</b>	<b>Using a gesture(s) that is obscene, offensive or insulting during or at a Match</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) obscene gestures, whether directed to a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person.</p> <p>For clarity, this is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour.</p> <p>When assessing the severity of any breach/offence, the following (non-exhaustive) factors may be considered and taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation; and (b) whether the gesture(s) is likely to: (i) be regarded as obscene; (ii) give offence; or (iii) insult another person, as well as the nature, intention and circumstances.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 below.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ (By way of guidance, generally applies in the case of a gesture considered 'seriously' obscene, offensive or insulting)
Level 3	Not Applicable
Level 4	Not Applicable

Item No.	Commentary
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Committing a reportable breach of any of the Laws of Cricket that relate to Unfair Play (Law 41)</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) for example: (a) deliberate attempt to distract batter; (b) deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter; (c) bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries; (d) bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries; (e) bowling of deliberate front-foot no ball; (f) time wasting by the fielding side; (g) batter wasting time; (h) fielder damaging the pitch; (i) bowler running on protected area; (j) batter damaging the pitch; (k) batter in protected area; (l) non-striker leaving their ground early; (m) batter stealing a run; and/or (n) unfair actions.</p> <p>When assessing the severity of any breach/offence, the following (non-exhaustive) factors may be considered and taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation and where relevant, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) the potential for the action to injure another Player or Umpire; and (c) the degree of advantage offered by the 'unfair play', as well as the nature, intention and circumstances.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>For alleged breaches relating to changing the condition of the ball, refer to Item 1.16 below.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ (By way of guidance, generally applies to 'serious' breaches of the Laws of Cricket relating to Unfair Play)
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable
<b>1.10</b>	<b>Any attempt to manipulate a Match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons</b>
	<p>This is intended to prevent the manipulation of a Match or Matches for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons or any other conduct involving any form of corruption.</p> <p>This may include (without limitation) for example where a team or individual bats in such a way so as to adversely affect either their team or the opposing team (as relevant and applicable).</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>The captain of any team involved in any such conduct will be held responsible (and subject to sanction) if/where any breach/offence is established.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓
<b>1.11</b>	<b>Failing or refusing, without compelling justification, to cooperate with any investigation by SACA</b>
	<p>This applies to any investigation conducted by or on behalf of SACA which has commenced, is underway or has been completed.</p> <p>It extends to cover any Club, Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire or any other relevant person(s).</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>

Item No.	Commentary
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable
<b>1.12</b>	<b>Abuse of a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person during a Match</b>
	<p>This is intended to cover (without limitation) language/comments, gestures or other conduct of an abusive nature, whether insulting, obscene, offensive or disclosing or deploying 'personal' or sensitive information (including relating to a family member, partner, friend or associate).</p> <p>It may include (without limitation) such language/comments, gestures or other conduct directed at or towards a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person or otherwise relating to or about a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person or their family member, partner, friend or associate.</p> <p>When assessing the severity of any breach/offence, the following (non-exhaustive) factors may be considered and taken into account: (a) whether such language was excessive and/or orchestrated; and (b) the person at whom the language was directed (i.e. whether they were a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or other person).</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 below.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓
<b>1.13</b>	<b>Direct communication or correspondence (in any form) with a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person that is, or is reasonably perceived to be, offensive, insulting, humiliating, intimidating, threatening or disparaging or otherwise inappropriate and unacceptable during, at, prior to or following a Match or otherwise in connection with or in the context of the Competition</b>
	<p>Direct communication or correspondence may include (without limitation) for example communication or correspondence via email, text message, phone call or private message via any social media or other digital platform.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 below.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

Item No.	Commentary
<b>1.14</b>	<b>Public or media comment (in any form) that is, or risks being, detrimental to the interests of cricket</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) any Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person to whom the Code of Conduct applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) publicly denigrating or criticising a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person or any team or Club in the Premier Cricket Competition, whether in relation to incidents which occurred in a Match or otherwise;</li> <li>(b) denigrating or criticising SACA (including SACA officers, employees, players, contractors or volunteers or SACA Officials or any SACA administered or sanctioned teams);</li> <li>(c) denigrating or criticising an Umpire or any Umpire decision(s) or conduct; and/or</li> <li>(d) commenting on any matter before the DEP or any Commissioner, including commenting on the outcome or likely outcome of a determination or appeal or any penalties.</li> </ul> <p>This will apply irrespective of when, where or how any comment at issue is made.</p> <p>For clarity, any post(s) or comment(s) on any social media or digital platform (including, without limitation, for example Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google+, Pinterest, LinkedIn and Snapchat) will be treated as 'public'.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓
<b>1.15</b>	<b>Use of language, actions or gestures that are discriminatory in nature and may offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify any person(s) on the basis of their race, religion, gender, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin during, at, prior to or following a Match or otherwise in connection with, or in the context of, the Competition</b>
	<p>This captures any discriminatory conduct (including language, actions or gestures), including conduct that may otherwise fall within Items above (except that it is discriminatory in nature and therefore addressed separately by this Item 15).</p> <p>This may include on or off field language, actions or gestures, in either a private or public context. For clarity, posts or comments on any social media or digital platform (including, without limitation, for example Facebook, X, YouTube, Google+, Pinterest, LinkedIn and Snapchat) will also be captured.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

Item No.	Commentary
<b>1.16</b>	<b>Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket</b>
	<p>Any action(s) likely to alter the condition of the ball which are not specifically permitted under Law 41.3.2 may be regarded as 'unfair'.</p> <p>By way of guidance and example, the following (non-exhaustive) list of actions will not be permitted: (a) deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up; (b) applying any artificial substance to the ball; (c) applying any non-artificial substance for any purpose other than to polish the ball; (d) lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball; and/or (e) scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement.</p> <p>The Umpires may use their judgement to apply the principle that actions may be taken to maintain or enhance the condition of the ball, provided no artificial substances are used.</p> <p>Any action(s) taken with the intent or purpose of damaging the condition of the ball or accelerating the deterioration of the condition of the ball will not be permitted.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>Without limiting this Item or offence, the team captain of the offending side may be in breach of this Item 1.16 in the event that any Player, Coach or Club Official involved, or allegedly involved, in the breach are not able to be identified or where the breach was planned or systematic to the extent that the team captain either knew, or ought to have known, that the breach was occurring.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable
<b>1.17</b>	<b>Intimidation or attempted intimidation of an Umpire or SACA Official, whether by language or conduct (including gestures) during a Match</b>
	<p>This is intended to cover any form of intimidation of an Umpire or SACA Official.</p> <p>This may include (without limitation) for example: (a) any form of continual verbal or physical harassment; (b) any form of intentional behaviour that would cause (or would be likely to cause) the person to whom it is directed to fear injury or harm; and (c) attempts to impede or block movement.</p> <p>If/to the extent any conduct allegedly involves any form of discrimination or vilification, including on the basis of a person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status refer to Item 1.15 above.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

Item No.	Commentary
<b>1.18</b>	<b>Attempting to gain an unfair advantage during a Match</b>
	<p>This is intended to cover attempts to cheat or gain an unfair advantage during a Match.</p> <p>This may include (without limitation) for example: (a) deliberate attempts to deceive an Umpire (for example by claiming a catch when the Player concerned knew that they had not caught the ball cleanly); (b) conspiring with other Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person to do anything which constitutes an attempt to gain an unfair advantage; or (c) taking a foreign object onto the field where the likely intent or purpose is to change the condition of the ball.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p> <p>Without limiting this Item or offence, the team captain of the offending side may be in breach of this Item 1.18 in the event that any Player, Club Official or Club representative or any other person(s) involved, or allegedly involved, in the breach are not able to be identified or where the breach was planned or systematic to the extent that the team captain either knew, or ought to have known, that the breach was occurring.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓
<b>1.19</b>	<b>Threat of assault or physical abuse of a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person(s) during or at a Match</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Umpire or SACA Official or other person to whom the Code of Conduct applies doing or saying something which would reasonably cause a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person to whom such conduct was directed to fear harmful or offensive contact (including, by way of non-exhaustive example, threatening to hit a person while at the same time raising a fist, or threatening to physically harm a person's family, friend or associate).</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓ (By way of guidance, applies, without limitation, where a threat is made to or towards a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or other person(s))
Level 4	✓ (By way of guidance, applies, without limitation, where a threat is made to or towards an Umpire or SACA Official)
<b>1.20</b>	<b>Physical assault of, or act(s) of violence towards, a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person(s) during or at a Match</b>
	<p>This may include (without limitation) a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or other person to whom the Code of Conduct applies intentionally, recklessly or negligently making physical contact with a Player, Club Official or other Club representative, Coach, Umpire, SACA Official or any other person, or causing any such person bodily harm or injury.</p> <p>When assessing the severity of any breach/offence, the following (non-exhaustive) factors may be considered and taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the contact was deliberate (i.e. intentional), reckless or negligent; (b) the force of the contact; (c) any resulting injury to the person with whom contact was made; or (d) the person with whom contact was made.</p>

Item No.	Commentary
	<p>No actual bodily harm or injury need occur or result for a breach.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓
<b>1.21</b>	<p><b>Facts, circumstances or incidents not otherwise addressed or adequately or clearly covered by other Items, including (without limitation) conduct that is (a) contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; (b) unbecoming of a Player, Club Official, Coach, Official or SACA Official; (c) is or could be harmful to the interests of cricket; and/or (d) brings, or risks bringing, the game of cricket into disrepute</b></p>
	<p>This is intended to be a 'catch-all' provision to cover all types of conduct not otherwise captured above.</p> <p>The Spirit of Cricket is defined by reference to the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket and involves respect for (a) your opponents, (b) your captain and team, (c) the role of the match officials; and (d) the game and its traditional values.</p> <p>The relevant level will depend on the nature, severity, intention, context and circumstances.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

## TABLE OF INDICATIVE SANCTIONS - RANGE GUIDANCE

This table also forms part of the Code of Conduct and sets out indicative sanctions and guidance in relation to potential penalty ranges. It does not limit the discretion of the DEP or any Commissioner. Determinations as to sanctions will be based on an assessment of the specific factual circumstances and context.

<b>Level of Offence</b>	<b>Range of Permissible Sanctions (first offence)</b>	<b>Range of Permissible Sanctions (Second offence within 24 months)</b>	<b>Range of Permissible Sanctions (Third offence within 24 months)</b>	<b>Range of Permissible Sanctions (Fourth offence within 24 months)</b>
Level 1 Offence	A suspension of up to two (2) Matches	A suspension of up to three (3) Matches	A suspension of up to six (6) Matches	A suspension of up to seven (7) Matches or a suspension for a fixed period of time up to one (1) year
Level 2 Offence	A suspension of two (2) to four (4) Matches	A suspension of up to six (6) Matches	A suspension of up to seven (7) Matches or a suspension for a fixed period of time up to one (1) year	The imposition of a suspension for a fixed period of time between one (1) year and five (5) years
Level 3 Offence	A suspension of five (5) or six (6) Matches	A suspension of seven (7) Matches or a suspension for a fixed period of time up to one (1) year	The imposition of a suspension for a fixed period of time between one (1) year and a 'lifetime' suspension	The imposition of a suspension for a fixed period of time between one (1) year and a 'lifetime' suspension
Level 4 Offence	A suspension of seven (7) Matches or a suspension for a fixed period of time up to a 'lifetime' suspension	A suspension for a fixed period of time between one (1) year and a 'lifetime' suspension	The imposition of a suspension for a fixed period of time between one (1) year and a 'lifetime' suspension	The imposition of a suspension for a fixed period of time between one (1) year and a 'lifetime' suspension

## PLAYER POINTS CAP – MEN'S 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

### 1. PLAYER POINTS CAP SYSTEM

1.1 All 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teams in the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade competitions in the Premier Cricket Competition (including 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Division 1 and Division 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade West End One Day Cup and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Twenty20 Cup) ("**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competitions**" or each a **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competition**) must comply with the Player Points Cap. If a Club plays a team that is in breach of the Player Points Cap the Club may lose Match points.

1.2 The Player Points Cap will be:

- (a) **26** points per team in a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competition Match for the 2024/25 season;
- (b) **24** points per team in a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competition Match for the 2025/26 season; and
- (c) **22** points per team in a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competition Match for the 2026/27 season.

Adelaide University Cricket Club will receive an additional **2** point allowance until such time as it has been running a full junior program for two (2) seasons.

1.3 A Player who is not an overseas player and who has made their Premier Cricket Competition debut while playing at a Club will attract zero (0) points when playing for that Club (being their Original Club).

1.4 A Player who:

- (a) is not an overseas player; and
- (b) has not made their 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Premier Cricket Competition debut; and
- (c) moves to another Club,

will attract one (1) point when playing for that other Club, provided they have not played a Match for a Club in a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Senior competition or a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade one day (limited overs) competition (anywhere in Australia) at the time they moved to that Club. The Player's points value while playing at the other Club will otherwise be determined as set out in clause 1.5.

1.5 The following will apply for Players moving to a Club (except where clauses 1.3 or 1.4 apply):

- (a) Where a Player's points value at a Club is two (2) or more, the Player's points value while playing at that Club will reduce by one point for each consecutive season for which they remain at that Club, subject to preserving a minimum of one (1) point.
- (b) A Player who moves Clubs (other than to a club that the Player has previously played for) and fits into more than one category of the Player Points Cap System will be deemed to be in the category which attracts the most points.
- (c) A Player, other than an overseas player, who:
  - (i) moves to Adelaide University Cricket Club;

- (ii) satisfies any of the criteria set out in clause 1.8; and
- (iii) has not yet played a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Match with any Club at the time the Player moves to Adelaide University Cricket Club,

will have a one (1) point value when playing for Adelaide University Cricket Club.

- 1.6 A Replacement Player will be deemed to have the same point value as the Player they replace in a Match.
- 1.7 The Manager - Premier Cricket will be the final arbiter for the purposes of making a determination as to a Player's point value. Their decision will be final and binding.
- 1.8 The criteria for the purposes of clause 1.5(c) are as follows:
- (a) a Player must be either an undergraduate student, post-graduate student, graduate or staff member of Adelaide University (including the antecedent universities, The University of Adelaide, and the University of South Australia) (including full and part-time students and members of academic staff); or
  - (b) a financial playing member of a University Cricket Club in another State of Australia in the immediately preceding season.
- 1.9 For BBL Players (interstate/overseas):
- (a) only one BBL Player (interstate/overseas) per Club is permitted in a given season;
  - (b) BBL Players (interstate/overseas) will attract two (2) points each.
  - (c) a BBL Permit will be issued for each BBL Player (interstate/overseas), which will be valid for the duration of the BBL series only (and expiring at the end of the BBL series for which it is issued).

Matches played by a BBL Player (interstate/overseas) under a BBL Permit will not be counted for the purpose of qualification for any Premier Cricket Competition Finals Matches. For any BBL Player (interstate/overseas) who plays prior to or after the BBL series, the table in clause 2 will apply in determining their points value and allocation.

## 2. CATEGORIES AND POINTS TABLE

2.1 The following descriptions, except for the one-point category, refer to Players joining a Club with that status:

CATEGORY	Pts.
<b>Players from other countries (overseas players)</b>	
International (Twenty20, ODI, Test) full member only	<b>8</b>
First Class	<b>7</b>
One Day Domestic	<b>6</b>

Twenty20 Domestic	6
ICC associate member (regardless of format)	4
Other non-first class	3
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Players from interstate</b>	
International (Twenty20, ODI, Test)	7
First Class	6
One Day Domestic	5
Twenty20 Domestic (BBL)	5
Twenty20 Domestic (Duration of BBL)	2
Premier 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	3
Returning to immediate past Premier Club	*
Returning to Premier Club of Origin	0
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Players from other Clubs</b>	
International (Twenty20, ODI, Test)	6
First Class	5
One Day Domestic	5
Twenty20 Domestic (BBL)	4
Premier 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 50+ games	4

Premier 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 21 - 49 games	<b>3</b>
Premier 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 1 - 20 games	<b>2</b>
Premier 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 0 games	<b>1</b>
Returning to Premier Club of Origin	<b>1</b>
Returning to immediate past Premier Club	<b>*</b>
SACA U19 Player returning to their Club of Origin or transferring to an alternative Club having played less than 5 SACA U19 matches**	<b>0</b>
SACA U19 Player returning to a Club that is not their Club of Origin having played 5 or 6 SACA U19 matches**	<b>1 Point Premium</b>
SACA U19 Player returning to a Club that is not their Club of Origin having played 7 or more SACA U19 matches**	<b>3 Point Premium</b>

\* Indicates that the Player attracts the same number of points as the Player had, or would have had, before leaving the relevant Club.

\*\* A Player transferring to a Club which is not their Club of Origin in the season immediately following their eligibility for and/or playing for the SACA U19 team will attract the specified point premium in addition to the points that apply in the above table if the Player plays five (5) or more Matches in the final season playing for the SACA U19 team in the Men's 1st Grade. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player who has played less than five (5) SACA U19 matches in their last season or a Player transferring Clubs in subsequent seasons will not attract any point premium.

### 3. PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Any team that breaches the points limit in any Match will be deemed to have Forfeited that Match and consequential Forfeits in lower grades will not apply.

### 4. DEFINITIONS IN ANNEXURE B

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Competitions** has the meaning given in clause 1 of Annexure B.

**BBL** means the Big Bash Twenty20 cricket competition conducted under the auspices of Cricket Australia.

**BBBL Permit** means an approval issued under and in accordance with clause 1.9, permitting a relevant BBL Player (interstate/overseas) to play in the Premier Cricket Competition.

**BBL Player (interstate/overseas)** means a player contracted to a BBL team for or during the relevant BBL season and who is ordinarily resident and playing in a location that is interstate or overseas.

**Club of Origin** means the Club with which the Player was registered immediately prior to playing for the SACA U19's.

**Current Player** means a Player who has played at the level described within two years of 1 October in the current season.

**Original Club** means the Club for which a Player debuted in a Premier Cricket Competition.

**Returning Players** means:

- (a) Players returning from interstate to their original Club (who will have the same status as when they left that Club); or
- (b) Players returning from overseas to their last Club (who will have the same point allocation as when they left that Club)

(as applicable).

Annexure B otherwise adopts the definitions in the By-Laws.